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MISSING

Vice President Hammond, of the Illinois State Bank Gone.

It Is Thought He Has Drowned Himself in Lake Michigan

And the Shores Are Being Searched for the Body by the Life Saving Crew—He Was Responsible for the Loans Which Caused the Failure of the Big Bank.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—A sensation was caused in commercial and banking circles this morning by the news that W. A. Hammond, vice president of the Illinois State bank, which failed a few days ago, was missing. Circumstances surrounding his disappearance would indicate that he had committed suicide.

Hammond was attending to his business yesterday and retired as usual last night at home in Evanston. Search was begun and his private papers and other effects were found at the lake pier, a short distance from his home. This led to the fear that Mr. Hammond had drowned himself in the lake, and the life-saving crew at once began searching for his body.

Mrs. Hammond, on awaking, found the door leading to her husband's room ajar. Upon entering she saw that he was gone, but had left his shoes and socks and watch. She called for help, and after a search of the house, the thought of suicide in the lake was suggested, and going to a pier at the foot of Dempster street, they found scraps of his papers, indicating that he had torn them before throwing himself in the lake.

Mr. Hammond had the active management of the bank and was said to have been chiefly responsible for the loans to the Calumet Electric Street Railway company, which caused the failure of the bank. Hammond was one of the most prominent bankers in the city, and at one time considered one of the leading financial men of the state.

Mr. Schneider, president of the defunct National Bank of Illinois, is greatly surprised at Hammond's disappearance. He thought that the finding of the private papers on the pier was not satisfactory evidence of suicide, especially as he saw no reason why Hammond should take his life. Hammond has been visiting the bank every day since the failure, assisting the receiver in every way. He was there Thursday afternoon.

Later.—3 p. m.—The body of Hammond was found at the foot of Church street, five blocks north of where he was supposed to have jumped in. It was discovered by two boys, who notified the police.

Was An Accident.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—The coroner's jury found that J. B. McCullough died from falling from a window while trying to escape from the effects of gas, resulting in the accident. McCullough was the editor of the Globe-Democrat, whose dead body was found on the sidewalk Thursday.

Thrown in Receiver's Hands.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Judgments amounting to $85,000 have been taken against The Dorner & Dutton Manufacturing company and The Dorner Foundry company, and application has been made for a receiver. It is believed that the assets greatly exceed the liabilities.

Cincinnati Millionaire's Death.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 2.—Martin Weber, a millionaire iron merchant, fell down a stairway at his store, 828 Main street, fracturing his skull. He was sixty years old and unmarried. A defect in the steps caused his fall.

Omaha Bank Fails.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—The Omaha Savings bank suspended today. It is in the hands of the state banking board. The total liabilities are $850,000, and the assets are $200,000 more, with excellent securities. It is not connected with any other bank.

Before the Committee.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—William Ratherfield, of Oakland, California, was before the Ways and Means committee on flax, hemp, jute, etc., schedule.

A Boost in Wheat.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—Wheat started strong at an advance of three-eighths of a cent.

"Pretty is that pretty does." Lehman's shoes do such good service that once a customer, you will always be a customer

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Ohio.—Generally cloudy; rain tonight and Sunday; colder Sunday afternoon and night.

MACLAREN'S IMPRESSIONS

The Distinguished Scotchman Talks of His American Trip in London.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

London, Eng., Jan. 2.—Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) who has just returned from the United States is much impressed with the important position taken by the Scotch in civil life. He was favorably impressed with American home life, because in all essential features it resembles English life. The patriotism of Amerians, generally, and their attachment to the central government were other features which impressed him during his sojourn in the United States.

A Church Burned.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Wapakoneta, O., Jan. 2.—The German Lutheran church at New Bremen was burned this morning. It cost $30,000 two years ago. The insurance is $10,000. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Paper Bag Company Fails.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Batavia, Ill., Jan. 2.—The Western Paper Bag company, one of Van Nortwick's plants, was placed in the hands of a receiver today by the United States court. The liabilities and assets are about the same, $100,000. J. S. Van Nortwick failed about a week ago.

The McKinley's in Cleveland.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Canton, O., Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. McKinley went to Cleveland this morning with Perry S. Heath, Geo. B. Frease and a number of newspaper correspondents. They will be absent about a week.

Ordered to Florida Waters.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The dynamite cruiser Vesuirus and the armed despach boat, Dolphin, have been ordered to Florida waters.

The Markets.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—Wheat, 80⅞; corn, 21⅛; oats, 16⅝.

Toledo—. Wheat, 97.

FRAGMENTS.

Mrs. John Doty is quite seriously ill with girp.

Owing to illness Rev. Snodgrass will hold no Teachers meeting this evening at the church, but expects to be ready for the usual services tomorrow

Harry Flowers, of the Seventh street engine house who had his foot severely mashed by the steamer a week or so ago, is able to be again walking about with a cane.

THE COUNTY JAIL

Will Probably Receive a Chillicothe Young Man in a Few Days.

Ed. Sickles, a young man who formerly worked at the Portsmouth Stove and Range works but who is now living in Chillicothe is going to get into trouble. Several months ago Sickles got on a tear and was arrested and fined by 'Squire Cole. He promised to pay in a few days but instead skipped town and got a job in Chillicothe. He was back here on a visit a few days ago and again agreed to pay up but left town without doing so. A warrant is out for him now and a constable will go to Chillicothe tomorrow to bring him back. He will languish in jail until he settles up.

Important to Times Readers.

Monday, the Times will begin the publication of a new story, "The Liberty of the Little Red Man," by Max Pemberton, author of "The Impregnable City." The new story of Mr. Pemberton's is pronounced his best, and this is saying much, as readers of previous stories of his, as published in the Times, will testify. The plot of the new story is laid in Paris, at the time of Louis XV, and the "Little Red Man" is the title given a famous highwayman of that time. He is even a greater character than the notorious Jack Sheppard. Read the story.

Total Elk Hotel Loss Fixed at $2,215.

The insurance adjusters, appointed to fix the loss on the contents of the Elk Hotel by the recent fire, finished up their work Friday. The damage to contents was fixed at $1,695. On the building Mr. Wertz received $520, making a total insurance of $2,215 received. This is thought to be rather low.

His Hand Mashed.

Charles Hall a machinist employed at the N. & W. shops had his hand mashed by a driving spring falling on it late Thursday afternoon.

No. 94

Is the telephone call of The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company. Just call them up and order a dozen of their brew for the holidays.

MR M'FARLAND'S TREAT

Invites the Adams Express Office Force Down to Freshel's for the Annual New Year's Feast.

Once a year, about the time the holiday rush ends and the Adams express boys are recovering from the rush, Dan McFarland invites them down to Geo. Freshel's, and whatever goes to make up an elegant feast is spread before them. These annual treats are looked forward to with much longing, for, as the years go by, Mr. Farland makes each feast day a bigger and more brilliant affair. From a samll beginning the oyster spread has grown to be a full-sized regulation banquet.

New Year's evening was selected this year as the proper occasion for the treat, and Mr. McFarland invited the "force" down to the Palace, with orders to help themselves. Doc. Pennington and a Times reporter were invited guests. Doc. was there, it is understood, but the reportor met with an accident and was unable to be on hand. Freshel says it was by long odds the greatest banquet he has given this year. Mr. McFarland was unable to be present with the feasters, but he was most kindly and frequently remembered during the evening. And here's to the Adams, Mr. McFarland, Agent Dean and the force. May they have many happy New Year's.

POLICE COURT NEWS

A Rochester Shoe Manufacturer Disgraces Himself—Fred Cramer, Charged With Theft, Is Locked Up.

C. W. Newcomb, a member of the shoe firm of Newcomb & Bros., Rochester, New York, was locked up in the station house last night by Officer Stokely. Newcomb could not find a hotel to suit him. He went out about nine o'clock and tried to get supper at the Biggs. He then went to the Safford, and because the proprietor would not cook him a supper, got quite noisy. He proceeded to fill up on whisky, and at about ten o'clock was picked up out of the gutter on East Second street by Policeman Stokely. He was held until noon today and released on payment of $4.80.

Fred Cramer was the first man to be locked up this year. He is charged with stealing a piece of a stove from Brunner's machine shop on Fifth street. He says he is not guilty, and will have a trial Monday.

Enoch Windel was arrested on an affidavit of bastardy filed against him by one Sarah E. Swannigen. He was bound over to common pleas court under bond of $300.

THE CUBAN FLAG

Erected on the Presbyterian Church in Ironton, by Sympathizers of the Cause of Cuba Libre.

The flag of Cuba libre floats today above the lofty tower of the Presbyterian church. Just above it, from the same flag-staff, floats that greatest of all emblems of human liberty, the stars and stripes. The early dawn of New Year's morning revealed to all citizens those interesting banners waving together, high in air. They had been placed there during the night, and their appearance excited not a little comment and curiosity, as to who had unfurled them to the breeze.

It appears, however, that it was the work of a number of young men, in connection with ringing in the New Year from the bell in the tower. The Cuban flag was hastily, but artistically manufactured by a lady from material provided by the young men, and then a small American flag, the only one available impromptu, was secured, and the two banners were raised on high.—Ironton Republican.

Why She Will Remember.

"Grandma" Ridenour will have something to remind her of this Christmas. Her grand-son, Arthur, son of Charles and Leona Ridenour, came of age. At almost the same hour her grand-daughter, Mrs. Hattie Sheets, gave birth to a boy baby.

Revival Meeting.

Revival meetings are being held at the Free Will Baptist church, corner Robinson and Hutchinson avenues All are cordially invited to attend. Rev. J. Frank May and his sister, Mrs. A. E. Cox, of Concord, Ky., are present and will remain for some days helping in this good work.

Soon Be Sprung.

John Craig, of the West Side, reports having killed two garter snakes this week. They had crawled out of their holes to warm themselves in the sun. Fishermen out New Year's day report the frogs out on the pond banks croaking away as though spring-time had arrived.

A Base Ball Echo.

'Squire Cole will issue executions tomorrow for a couple of Sunday ball players who have failed to pay their fines and costs. They are Newt Bender and "Pap" Steppe. The boys will have to rusticate with Sheriff Rickey if they don't settle up by tonight.

ROYAL DECREE,

Signed by Her Majesty, the Queen Regent of Spain,

Guaranteeing Reforms in the System of Government in Porto Rico.

As Soon as Possible Spain Will Grant to Cuba Similar Reforms in Government, Conferring an Administration and Personality of Local Character.

MADRID, Jan 2.—In the council of ministers, presided over Friday by her majesty, the queen regent, a royal decree was signed which apply to the island of Porto Rico the laws of reforms voted in the cortes on the 15th of March, 1895.

The preamble to this decree is of the greatest importance, because of the statements it contains regarding Cuba. It begins by explaining the reasons why the reforms are applied to-day and wherefore this has not been done before. Amongst other paragraphs it contains the following:

In the actual circumstances the government considers that the proper time has arrived for giving to the world ample proof of its firm resolve to fulfill the engagements voluntarily contracted by the nation by implanting and carrying into effect in Porto Rico the reform of the system of government and civil administration, voted by the cortes and sanctioned by her majesty, and which, conveniently enlarged and extended, will be applied in due time to Cuba.

In unfolding the basis of reforms with that scrupulous care which the complex nature of the case and its many and varied problems demand, the undersigned minister has been inspired with a sense of the necessity of ample administrative decentralization, and has proceeded to the utmost limit, which the actual law allows without diminution of the inherent sovereignty of the nation. At the same time, true to the solemn promise made before parliament by its president, the government proposes to give a more ample scope to the reforms when, as a herald of peace, the happy moment arrives for the definite application of the reforms to both the Antilles. As soon as possible her majesty's government will hasten to apply to Cuba, not only the reforms which form the groundwork of the law applied to Porto Rico, but also will extend to both provinces the reforms which have been offered with the view of conferring upon both Antilles an administrative and economic personality of a local character, which shall facilitate the complete intervention of the country in its own affairs, maintaining, at the same time, intact, the right of sovereignty and the conditions necessary to the maintenance of that right, as was stated in the words her majesty deigned to address to the cortes by the advice of her responsible government upon the opening of parliament.

These amplified reforms can be partly put into practice by means of the power possessed by the executive government and partly will require the sanction of parliament. The government is confident that it will not encounter insuperable obstacles to its rapid action in this sense, looking to the patriotic uniformity of opinion respecting the fundamental ideas which underlie the application of the reforms.

Briefly the law of reforms voted by the cortes and sanctioned by the crown, which is to-day to be applied to Porto Rico, will form the foundation stone of the new regime: but an additional decree, account of which will be given to the cortes, will amplify to such an extent these reforms that a genuine home administration will be constituted in our Antilles in the first instance for Cuba, but to be extended to Porto Rico as soon, and at the same time as it may be possible to apply to the former island. TETUAN,

Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Very Shifty Burglars.

WAVERLY, O., Jan. 2.—The Ohio Southern depot was broken into, and $25 in cash stolen. Druggist A. H. Dean's residence was next entered and an $80 gold watch and several suits of clothes taken. A dozen other residences were pilfered of eatables, clothes, silverware and money. Marshal Bateman was called out of bed to capture the thieves, and while he was out searching the burglars broke into the marshal's own home, stole his watch, his daughter's pocketbook and other articles.

A Freight Derailed.

Extra 54 East bound freight on the N. & W. was derailed this morning just as it was pulling out of the Columbus yards. A number of cars were ditched and the road blocked for several hours.

Bigelow Special Music.

Mr. Percy Tod, of Urbana and Mrs. Wells A. Hutchins will be the soloists at Bigelow church tomorrow. They will sing Sunday evening.

Home Dancing Academy.

The last beginners' class of the season will be organized on Monday evening, January 4th.

MAJ. WM. WARNER,

Of Kansas City, Brought Forward for a Cabinet Position by His Friends.

CANTON, O., Jan. 2.—A new candidate for cabinet recognition was suggested to the president-elect Thursday. Messrs. J. B. Tracy, of Springfield; Wm. H. Treloar, of Mexico, Mo., and C. G. Burton, of Nevada, Mo., urged Maj. McKinley to appoint Maj. Wm. Warner, of Kansas City, to the cabinet. Maj. Warner was formerly an active member of congress and was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was said in Maj. Warner's behalf that he is not allied to either the Kerens or Filley factions and that he is strong with his party. Maj. McKinley said he would take the matter under advisement.

Lives With the Bullets in His Brain.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 2.—Chas. Boltz quarreled with his wife New Year's eve, so he left his home on Lona street in a despondent mood, going to relatives on Winchester avenue. Friday morning at 9 o'clock pistol shots were heard coming from the room occupied by Boltz. An investigation was made and he was found on the floor with three ugly bullet wounds in his head. When the doctor was sent for he said that the case was more than marvelous, inasmuch as all the bullets had lodged in the suicide's brain. He was astonished to find him alive. When removed to St. John's hospital a second investigation showed that the man will live.

Dying Tramp Refuses to Talk.

AKRON, O., Jan. 2.—Richard Vincent, a tramp, was murderously assaulted as he stepped in an unused kiln at Week's pottery. The discovery was made Thursday morning by Vincent's companions when they awoke. Vincent was taken to the city hospital. He cannot recover. He claims to know nothing about the assault, though the officers believe he is keeping something back. Vincent claims he formerly lived at 48 Broad street, Newark, N. J., and that he has a brother in Scranton, Pa.

Judgment Against Young Hanna.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—Justice Brown rendered a decision Thursday in the case brought against Dan. R. Hanna, son of Hon. M. A. Hanna, on an election bet. Allen Armstrong, a Chicago traveling man, and Hanna bet $250 each on the result in Ohio. The stakeholder decided that Maj. McKinley had over 50,000 plurality, and Armstrong, thinking he was not treated right, sued for the $250 he put up. Justice Brown gave him judgment and charged the costs against Hanna.

Louise Reming Divorced.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Louise Plunkett, a well-known actress whose stage name is Louise Reming, was granted a divorce here Thursday afternoon by Judge Johnson from Perry Plunkett, an actor, on the ground of desertion, and given the custody of their minor child, Edna Reming.

Farmer Adjudged Insane.

WEST UNION, O., Jan. 2.—Fletcher Fields, a prominent farmer of Oliver township, was adjudged insane. He has grieved ever since his wife's death, five years ago. He imagines all the secret societies were formed for the purpose of conspiring against his life.

Safe Blowers Get $2,000.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Jan. 2.—The general merchandise store of J. H. Hanley, of Apple Grove, was entered Thursday night. The safe was blown open and about $2,000 stolen, besides stamps, valuable papers, etc. The store was pilfered about two weeks ago.

Suit for Overcharges.

WEST UNION, O., Jan. 2.—Prosecutor C. P. Wickoff has entered suit to recover $469.57 from ex-Treasurer C. W. Sutterfield, and $549.71 from ex-Treasurer Wickerham, alleged overcharges as shown by Examiner J. K. Brown's report. Other suits will follow.

Woodmen of the World.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—About 400 or 500 delegates of Woodmen of the World are to meet in Columbus February 2 to organize a conventional head camp for the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. These three states are to constitute a district.

Accidentally Shot His Wife.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—Gus Richter, while shooting at a mark in his yard, on Siebert street, Friday, accidentally shot his wife in the left leg, inflicting a painful, but not dangerous, wound.

Values His Wife's Affections.

MARION, O., Jan. 2.—James Wolf has brought suit against John A. Irvin and wife to recover $5,000 damages for alienating his wife's affections. The defendants deny the charge.

Flour Mill Burned.

OSTRANDER, O., Jan. 2.—The flour mill of Edward Walz was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning. Loss, $10,000; insurance, $2,500.

A TRAGEDY.

Aged Couple and a Girl Murdered Near Decatur, Ga.

The Slayer Makes His Escape, But is Soon Captured by a Mob.

The Drunken Wretch Barely Escapes Lynching—The Killing Occurred in a Boarding House Dining Room, When Supper Was About to Be Eaten.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Tom Flanagan, a carpenter, killed three persons Thursday night near Decatur in three seconds. Flanagan boarded with G. W. Allen and wife, an old couple who lived in DeKalb county, just beyond the city limits. The Allens were an old couple, both over 70 years of age. They kept boarding house and have five boarders in all. At 7 o'clock Thursday night the Allens and their boarders sat down to supper in their dining room. Flanagan was in an adjoining room. He had been drinking, but the family did not know he was drunk. He was called two or three times and finally he appeared at the door leading from his room into the dining-room and, without a word, began firing a pistol at the people seated at the table. The first shot struck old Mrs. Allen, and she fell fatally wounded. The next shot hit the aged husband, and he dropped to the floor. The boarders were now springing from their seats to escape. Just as Miss Ruth Slack rose, a bullet struck her in the head and she fell dead. The others ran out, followed by the remaining bullets in Flanagan's pistol.

The old man and his wife died on the floor in a few minutes. The boarders called help and a posse rushed into the house and took Flanagan prisoner without resistance on his part. He was too drunk to realize what he had done.

The marshal of Decatur brought Flanagan into the city to get him away from the scene, as there was talk of hanging him. He was placed in the county jail here but he did not know any of the circumstances of the triple tragedy. Flanagan was still too drunk to talk intelligently about it and when he began to sober up he sent for Judge Hillyer. The attorney had an interview with him and then asked the jailor not to allow any one to see Flanagan. Judge Hillyer refused to make any statement.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Information was received here Friday night that a party of Green and DeKalb county men would arrive during the night and attack the county jail. They want to get Edward Flanagan and lynch him for the murders which he committed Thursday night near Decatur. The county changed sheriffs Friday, and Sheriff Nelms placed 10 extra men on duty Friday night. He also notified the police and military that he will call upon them if necessary. Nelms is a well known fighter, and an attempt to lynch his prisoner would be disastrous to the attacking party.

The Green county people are incensed because one of Flanagan's victims, Miss Ruth Slack, lived there and was at Decatur on a visit. The Allens have lived in DeKalb county for years and their neighbors are enraged. Grandfather Allen who was knocked in the head and was supposed to be dead, recovered consciousness Friday morning and will probably recover. Miss Slack is not dead but she is paralyzed and unconscious and the doctors say she can not possibly recover.

Grandmother Allen was buried Friday.

Flanagan sent for another lawyer Friday, W. C. Glenn accompaning his message with a check for $500. It turns out that Flanagan has considerable ready money in bank and he had more than $5,000 in cash in his pockets when he was brought into the jail. The defense will be insanity.

Flanagan says that he was in love with the child, Leila Allen, and the family had consented to their marriage when she was older. He states that he believed Thursday that the Allens were plotting to have him arrested so as to get his money. He had a morbid imagination and has made various statements about the Allens of late.

He says that he offered Father Kennedy $1,000 if he would place Lelia Allen in a convent where she could remain until old enough to marry. Father Kennedy is out of the city. Flanagan was for a time traveling agent of the Standard Oil Co. He says that he came originally from Mississippi. He is 28 years old.

Mrs. Beecher's Condition Improved.

STAMFORD, Ct., Jan. 2.—The physicians attending Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher state that her condition is gradually improving.

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TIMES TELEPHONES.

Counting Room	2 on 33
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Why does the Republican press of the city refrain from explaining why the expenditures for each of the past four years has averaged over $55,000 more than for the year 1892? During all this time it has been wailing over falling prices and falling wages. If the price of all materials have been falling and wages have been so much less than in 1892, why has there been an increase in the expenses for these four years of fully a quarter of a million dollars. To be consistent with the claims of our opponents, the necesary expenses for each of these years should be less than ever before. No one cares to discuss the personality of any member of the gang back of the Blade-Tribune, nor will it avail them anything to attempt to evade the fact that our expenses have increased over $55,000 for each of the four years, by attacking us. The condition of the "breadwinners" in this county is not so opulent as to look on the waste of their hard-earned dollars in the perpetration of gangism, with indifference. With a man like Wishon at the head of the infirmary, it becomes nothing more than a machine for the distribution of boodle, as out-door relief, and in certain townships large gang majorities, both at primaries and elections, attest the fact that its distribution is effective. You can depreciate every dollar's worth of property in this county by simply taxing it. The laboring people are coming to realize more and more each year that they pay the taxes. It comes off of the consumers of wealth, whether that consumption is in the form of food, clothing or shelter. No man need possess property to pay taxes. When he buys anything, a part of the price is tax; when he pays his rent, a part of that rent is tax. Under the true laws of business, no man escapes a portion of the taxes paid by the people for the maintenance of the city, county, state and nation in which he lives. The amount he pays is more nearly proportioned to the amount he consumes than anything else. If the laboring men of Portsmouth and Scioto county desire real prosperity and better times, they should earnestly endeavor to lighten the burdens of its government. Government is a necessary evil, as defined by some political economists. It is absolutely a non-producer, and the greater the tax imposed by it, the greater the burden on the men who pay it. This is a question of simple business: a question of self-protection. The important questions for you to solve are how to reduce the rate of taxation and how to have it justly apportioned among our citizens. A low rate of taxation and a just government will do more to bring capital to Portsmouth than all other things combined. Don't you all think more economy and fewer beelers would be a good panacea for our ills?

Senator Wolcott and Prof. Walker will leave in a few days for Europe, with the sanction of McKinley, to consult with European nations as to the means necessary for the restoration of bimetallism. The managers of the McKinley campaign promised the Western states that they would carry out the plank in the St. Louis platform, pledging his administration to make every effort to bring about international bimetallism. We hope McKinley is in earnest, and that the bimetallists all over the country will give whatever aid is in their power to make this move more popular. Bimetallism is bound to grow, and we believe it to be the only cure for the evils now existing the world over. No country would feel its benefical effects more than the United States. We are nature's great store-house of the precious metals. Eastern greed and the agents of English Shylocks have begun their wail already against the McKinley movement for bimetallism. He can feel assured that the West and South is with him, heart and soul, if they be convinced that his real intention is to deliver their children from bondage to the Shylocks of the gold standard money power. The nightmare that haunted McKinley and Hanna during the late campaign is no less hideous today than then, and, as time goes on, it will not grow less demonstrative. There are three classes in this country, one of which should be the governing power. The first is composed of pure-partisan politicians and their beelers and claquers; the second include the statesmen and the vast army of the "breadwinners," or producers—the great middle class; and the third class is composed of the great trusts, syndicates and money power of the world. The second class should rule the country. In Portsmouth we have but the first and second classes, yet the first class seems to rule. Will it be so always? Is it not about time to let some of these fellows hunt some other than an official teat? Turn down the professional office-seeker every where. We wish McKinley God-speed in his efforts to aid the great middle class, but we fear the first and third classes will make his pathway a very thorny one.

William S. Bredin, a member of the city council in Wheeling, W. Va., said to a Journal reporter last evening:

"Let me explain how our enterprising city has solved the gas problem and put itself far in advance of New York, so far as gas is concerned. We have a population of only 45,000, but the gas companies do not own the town. We have the only city in the United States, I believe, that pays nothing for gas—absolutely nothing—and makes money by supplying it to its citizens at 75 cents a thousand feet.

"New Yorkers should visit Wheeling and learn how the thing is done. In twenty-five years the tax-payers of Wheeling have received $1,500,000 profit from the municipal ownership of the system of gas plants, but besides this should be mentioned the superior illuminating quality of the gas, which cannot be expressed by thousands of dollars.

"Up to 1871, a private company had the monopoly of our gas supply. The hills around the town were full of coal, and land and labor cheap, yet we paid $3.50 a thousand for bad gas. A big price was charged for each street lamp lighted only when the almanac predicted a cloudy sky. As the almanac was generally wrong, we were most of the time in total darkness out of doors. We were at the mercy of seventeenth century gas ideas, which cost us three prices.

"One day the city woke up, bought out the gas plant, which was more or less a wreck, abandoned the almanac system of determining when to light the lamps, and gave us brilliant illumination all night, every night in the week, regardless of expense, moon or almanacs. The plant cost $70,000. Gas was reduced at once from $3.50 to $3 a thousand. The light was fifty per cent. better, the streets were brilliant every night, moon or no moon, and the tax-payers went about rejoicing at the change.

"There was no burden in the city treasury or the tax-payers after the original purchase of the gas plant, for there were sufficient immediate returns from the sale of gas to meet the cost of every improvement. From three to a dozen street lamps suddenly appeared where only one lamp glimmered and spluttered before. In a few years the city reduced gas to $2. It almost paralyzed the town. Presently the price was again put down to $1.50, and some people thought the millennium was at hand. From the first day that the city took charge of the gas works they were turning out an improved gas at a profit and the money thus made was used for payments upon city loans. This is something for your heavily burdened New Yorkers to think about. But it does not tell all the story of our reform.

"In 1888 gas was again reduced to $1 a thousand, with 25 per cent. off for payment within ten days. This practically reduced gas to 75 cents a thousand feet. But there is more yet to the wonderful story. It is not a dream, but cold business. From the profit of manufacturing improved gas at reduced prices, we enlarged, rebuilt and modernized the plant. We promptly paid all dues on city loans. We burned $16,000 worth of gas annually for public purposes, and yet, in 1891, we had a surplus wholly derived from the profits of gas large enough to pay $40,000 on a total expenditure of $120,000 for a new city electric light plant, designed to relieve the gas works from supplying street lamps. Today the electric plant is run on the earnings of our municipal gas. This extensive plant has a capacity of 560 arc lights of 2,000 candle power each. It has two 400 horse power engines, Corliss type, and all the machinery is in duplication.

"Now our revised gas plant is up to date in every way. It is five times as large as when the city first bought it, and proportionate improvements have been made in putting down mains, house connections, metres, and all other adjuncts, the city making money on an increasing ratio while it has reduced gas from $3.50 to 75 cents. I repeat within increased emphasis that, during all these years, the city has not only lighted the streets with gas and electricity free of cost, but large sums of money have been paid out on account of city loans from the profits in municipal gas.

"It does not require any public demonstration to convince the people of Wheeling of the blessings of gas reform. Gas companies cannot do business in our city, though the field is wide open to them and there are no restrictions.

"I will say in conclusion, that we are now experimenting on a new system by which we expect to make a further reduction of from 25 to 40 per cent. in the price of gas, and still enable the city to make handsome profits in the gas business. For New York, with its tremendous gas consumption, with its water communications on all sides, and coal within easy reach, there are millions in sight to enable the city not only to reduce gas bills and light the city free, but to lighten the burdens of municipal taxation with the profits of municipal gas."—New York Journal.

Wheeling is enjoying the benefits of business methods in the management of their city affairs. It might be a good thing for Portsmouth to have its own gas plant, yet the past twenty years of our water works would not be encouraging.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Chronologists Accepting an Error in the Birth of Christ Say We Are Now Living in the Twentieth Century.

The twentieth century begins today, and not four years hence. In other words, this is a fact established by chronologists, that unpleasant class of people who deal in figures and who do not seem to care what cherished principles they overturn. Many persons, no doubt, have indulged in discussions as to when a century begins or ends, but now another subject for debate presents itself.

All careful chronologists now accept the statement that an error has been made in the date of Christ's birth, and that he was actually born in the year 5 B. C., or, paradoxically speaking, five years before himself. The Christian era has its epoch or point of departure determined by the Gregorian rule, but it seems to be generally agreed that the beginning of the era should have been fixed four years earlier, since Christ was born four years earlier than the date now settled on by the Chrisitan calendar.

Our present reckoning is then just four years in error, but it is not one that can be easily remedied, nor, perhaps, in view of the great amount of inconvenience that would result, is it worth that trouble? The most important epochs in the world's history would be made to appear as having happened four years later than now. America would have been discovered in 1496, the Revolution to have occurred in 1780 and the Mayflower to have landed in 1624. It, however, would make no difference in our ages.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Piles! Piles! Piles!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure blind, bleeding, ulcerated and itching piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for piles and itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by druggists, sent by mail, for 50 cents and $1.00 per box. Sold by Win Nye. Williams Manufacturing Co., proprietors, Cleveland, O.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00. Get a Bottle at Fisher & Streich, drug store.

Foley's Honey and Tar.

Cough Syrup, wherever introduced, is considered the most pleasant and effective remedy for all throat and lung complaints. It is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates and that can safely be given to children. Amanns' pharmacies.

Homeseekers.

On Jan. 5th, 19th, and Feb. 2nd and 16th, the Ohio Southern railroad will have on sale at all stations Home Seekers' excursion Tickets to all points South, Southwest and West, at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be limited, good to return twenty-one days from date of sale. Call on Ohio Southern agents for full particulars regarding stop-off privilege routes and rates, or address

F. E. FISHER, G. P. A.,
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Pure

Blood means sound health. With pure, rich, healthy blood, the stomach and digestive organs will be vigorous, and there will be no dyspepsia. Rheumatism and Neuralgia will be unknown. Scrofula and Salt Rheum will disappear. With pure

Blood

Your nerves will be strong, and your sleep sound, sweet and refreshing. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood. That is why it cures so many diseases. That is why so many thousands take it to cure disease, retain good health, prevent sickness and suffering. Remember

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. $1 per bottle.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate, 25c.

Post-Xmas Opportunities.

Everything left by Christmas shoppers must go, regardless of cost. We wish to start in on '97 without a dollar's worth of Xmas Goods. WE WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP in every department, cutting right and left until the prices fairly compell you to buy.

Be Sure and Investigate These Bargains.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12½c quality, about 30 dozen, go for 5c.
Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 15c, 20c, 25c quality, about 25 dozen, go for 8c.
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, sets, regular price 60c, go for 27c
Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, sets, regular price 75c, go at 38c.
Fancy Boxes, 25c quality, go for 17c.
Fancy Boxes, 35c quality, go for 22c.
Fancy Boxes, 75c quality, go for 40c.
Celluloid Balls, 15c quality, go for 8c.
Cut Glass Vases, large size, $1 50 quality, go for 89c.
Cut Glass Vases, small size, 50c quality, go for 33c.
Puff Boxes, 20c quality, go for 11c.
Puff Boxes, 25c quality, go for 17c.
Puff Boxes, 40c quality, go for 27c.
Puff Boxes, 90c quality, go for 63c.
Collar and Cuff Boxes, large size, $1.75 quality, go for $1.
Atomizers, 65c quality, go for 46c.
Atomizers, $1.25 quality, go for 89c.
Atomizers, $1.50 quality, go for 99c.
Fancy Pin Cushions, 75c quality, go for 49c.
Ladies' Embroidered Collars, 85c quality, go for 50c.
Ladies' Embroidered Collars, $1.25 quality, go for 89c.
Table Covers, 15c quality, go for 8c.
Big reductions in Dress Goods Department.
Big reductions at our Glove Counter.
Big reductions in our Ribbon Department.
Big reductions at our Hosiery and Underwear Department.

CONNOLLEY'S STORE.

YOU CAN

Find the Tie you want for Xmas in our cases.

It will be to your advantage to see our Holiday line of Gent's Furnishings before buying. Everything new and strictly up-to-date. If anything is not satisfactory it can be exchanged after Xmas.

E. A. JOHNSON,

104 West Second St.

It Is An Easy Matter

To make statements but more difficult to prove them. We wish to make one, and that is that our line of Holiday Goods are all up-to-date in quality, variety and prices. An invitation is extended to our friends to call and examine our stock, and prove to themselves that our statements do not consist merely of paper and printers ink, but of facts. There will be no trouble to suit everybody.

FISHER & STREICH,

Opposite Postoffice.

We have without a doubt the finest line of

Holiday Goods

And an inspection will convince anyone. The line includes Toilet Sets, Perfume Atomizers and Perfumes.

Amann's Gallia St. Pharmacy

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Steam and Gas Fitting. Work done promptly and satisfaction guaranteed.

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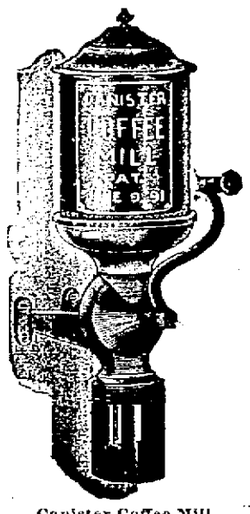

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Heaters,

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Anti-Rust Tinware.

We have the agency for the Lisk Anti-Rust Tinware, something that will positively not rust.

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Wellsbach Incandescent Gas Burners

WILL REDUCE YOUR GAS BILL ONE HALF . . . . . .

And at the same time more than double your candle power. We hold ourselves responsible for this statement.

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First Class Meals at All Hours.
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It is the Salvation....

Of all to know where to get a cure for their ills. It is a boon to humanity to be able to get

Indian Salve.

It positively cures the worst and most obstinate cases of

Blood Poisoning.

Do not wait until you are dying from the effects of that dread disease, but get a box now and be ready for an emergency. For sale at the

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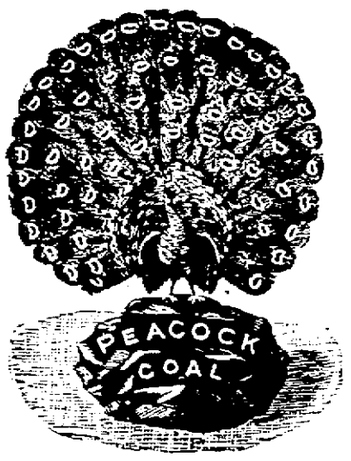

J. M. Stockham has the sale of this coal in Portsmouth. PEACOCK COAL CO.

FREE CURE FOR MEN.

A Michigan Man Offers to Send His Discovery Free.

Claims to Be a Benefactor to Weakened Mankind.

There is always more or less suspicion attached to anything that is offered free, but sometimes a man so overflows with generosity that he cannot rest until his discovery is known to the world, in order that his fellowmen may profit by what he has discovered. It is upon this principal that a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich., desires to send free to mankind a prescription which will cure them of any form of nervous debility, relieves them of all the doubt and uncertainity which such men are peculiarly liable to and restores their organs to natural size and vigor. As it costs nothing to try the experiment it would seem that any man, suffering with the nervous trouble that usually attack men who never stopped to realize what might be the final result, ought to be deeply interested in a remedy which will restore them to health, strength and vigor, without which they continue to live an existence of untold misery. As the remedy in question was the result of many years research as to what combination would be peculiarly effective in restoring to men the strength they need, it would seem that all men suffering with any form of nervous weakness ought to write for such a remedy at once. A request to H. C. Olds, Box 1,650, Kalamazoo, Mich., stating that you are not sending for the prescription out of idle curiosity, but that you wish to make use of the medicine by giving it a trial, will be answered promply and without evidence as to where information came from.

The prescription is sent free, and although some may wonder how Mr. Olds can afford to give away his discovery, there is no doubt about the offer being genuine. Cut this out and send to Mr. Olds so that he may know how you came to write him.

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New

Arrival

—OF—

Souvenir Spoons,
Single Teas,
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Pompeiian Vases,
5 o'clock Tea Kettles,
Bric-a-Brac Goods,

—AT—

Ph. Zoellner,

135 West Second.

Ten per cent discount for all cash sales until January 2, 1897.

A Bargain That is a Bargain!

Ladies' Fleece Lined Pants at 10c A PAIR.

Don't Fail

To lay in a supply at this price. Other goods equally cheap

—AT—

KATE MILLER'S,

709 Chillicothe Street.

Health and Vigor

Baths Give Both

Why go to sanitariums for bathing, when you can remain at home and get all the benefits of the best health resorts at

"THE KERNEL"

PENSIONS!

John K. Duke, 51 West Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio, solicits the patronage of soldiers and soldiers' widows for Pensions, Claims, Restoration to the Rolls, etc. Call for consultation and file your claim at once.

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A PAIR OF 'EM.

Two Carrier's Addresses That Appeared New Year's Day.

A Little Comparison Between the Times and the Blade

That May Be Odious, to the Blade—The Latter Proves to Be Little Better at Imitation Than at Creation—Their Address, a Modest Little Thing, With a Bum Cut and "Perky" Pratt's Poem That Was Rejected by The Times.

A year ago yesterday the Daily Times inaugurated the custom in this city of issuing a New Year's address for the benefit of our carrier boys, and the plan of offering a small cash prize for the best and most suitable poem was happily tried.

The idea throughout took. The patrons of the Daily Times rewarded the boys liberally for their faithfulness in delivering the paper, and almost the entire list of subscribers purchased addresses, many of them paying twenty-five and fifty cents for a copy. The boys thus had each a neat little sum with which to begin the New Year.

This year the plan was tried again, with gratifying success. In the competition, twenty-one manuscripts were submitted, the committee selecting a best poem, and a most applicable poem, necessitating the awarding of two prizes. The address, as issued, was a fine specimen of the printers' art, adorned with handsome vignetted cuts of the carrier boys. It makes a neat little souvenir book with which to start the collection for 1897. The boys were warmly received by their patrons, and each of them disposed of their list of addresses at prices ranging from ten cents to a dollar.

The Daily Times acknowledges the many compliments that have been paid the "address" by our friends and, in behalf of the carrier boys, desires to thank them for their generosity in purchasing the addresses. We can assure them that their kindness will be remembered and appreciated by our boys.

In this connection, it would not be out of place to mention another carriers' address that was sold in Portsmouth yesterday. It was issued by our afternoon contemporary, the Daily Blade. Last year, when the Times' Address was issued, the Blade sneered at it in its cwn peculiar way and endeavored to laugh it to contempt. It is a very gratifying compliment to the publishers of the Daily Times to find the Blade following in their foot-steps in this matter of the Carriers' Address, as they have done in securing telegraphic reports, and in a dozen other instances.

The "Address" issued by the Blade was not a very pretentious affair. In fact, the Blade is not much better at imitation than it is at creation. It is a modest little folder sheet, printed on ordinary paper. The address was adorned with a group cut of the Blade newsboys—the work of the well known Blade artist, Mr. Faverty. The cut was a pretty bum affair, and Faverty was in the same boat as the small boy who drew the picture of a horse, and then, for fear his teacher would not know what he had drawn, wrote under it, "This is a horse" So with Artist Faverty. He put a number on each Blade newsboy, right over his heart, and then identified him below by means of said number. This was very thoughtful of Mr. Faverty, for otherwise the boys own mothers would not have recognized the likenesses.

The address used by the Blade was written by Prof. D. P. Pratt—he whom the Blade a few months since accused of lack of knowledge and dignified with the nickname of "Perky." "Perky" probably forgot to tell the gentleman late from the Ohio legislature, who now edits the Blade, a few of the interesting points in the history of that address. For instance, Mr. Editor Hard probably did not know—certainly would never have published the address if he had—that this same address was originally written for the Times contest. We give Editor Hard credit for more sense than to accept a poem that was rejected by the excellent committee that sat in judgment on the contest poems for the Times. Mr. Pratt—"Perky," as the Blade loves to call him—was bound to rise, and after he failed on the Times prize, took his "pome" home, warmed it over, changed "Times' to "Blade," roasted "Battle Axe and Pills, where formerly he had commended them, and then found a ready sale for his wares in Editor Hard's sanctum.

The Times congratulates its neighbor, the Blade, on taking another step in the right direction. Though its effort was a lamentable failure, still it shows that the intentions of the new editor are very good. If he keeps on trying and keeps the Times steadily in view in the future—as in the past—as his model, he will, no doubt, eventually be rewarded with a fair measure of success. A happy New Year to you, Mr. Editor Hard, and keep up a brave front.

Coal vases, hods, shovels, tongs and pokers at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Fisher & Streich. Drug Store.

In cases of burns, sprains, scalds, or any of the other accidental pains likely to come to the human body, Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil gives almost instant relief.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

Edison's Vitascope and Refined Comedy company opened at the Grand yesterday afternoon for four performances. It was a successful matinee in every respect. A large audience was present, and the receipts were entirely satisfactory. The program was rendered in tip-top shape, winning the deafening applause of the auditors. The vitascope pictures were splendid. They were new, and took like wild fire. The prize fight of Fitzsimmons and Maher was great. Every movement, dance of feet, side step, duck, counter, feint, upper-cut and blow was truly portrayed. The science of the clever Fitzsimmons shone out clearly. He worked Maher with a cunning and shrewdness that outpointed all previous ring engagements. The microphone productions were charming. The comedy portions of the excellent program were well received. They were put on by artists of recognized ability and standing. The harp, violin and piccalo solos, the vocal solos, the refined dances, each and all made a big hit. Prof. Degenhart, late musical director of Rook's Players, but who signed with the Vitascope people last night, officiated at the piano. He was at his best and proved a very deft toucher of the ivory keys. What was true of yesterday afternoon's performance was likewise true of last night's. It is a great show, and everybody should see it.

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Tonight, at the Grand, the Edison Vitascope company will close their engagement here. Don't miss seeing what they have. The vitascope, microphone, lady orchestra, vocal soloists and specialists make up a show well worth anyone's dollar You can see it tonight for 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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The harp used by Miss Messenger, the harpist with the Edison Vitascope company, cost $800. It is a beauty.

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Go to the Grand tonight and see twenty odd vitascope pictures. See the "Interrupted Lovers," "Japanese Dances," and the "Fitzsimmons-Maher Fight." These three pictures are great beyond descripion. Also hear the microphone and the sweet music. Prices 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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Harry Levy, business manager of "The Burglar," which comes to the Grand Thursday night, January 7th, is a clever boy, indeed. He is a warm member of the profession Things stir when he comes round. Next summer he is going to play the Crane Bros. and their specialty company at the leading seaside resorts and watering places. He says Senator Frank Bell, who was here with Fields & Hanson, will be with him. He is a great card. Next winter Mr. Levy will tour the country with "Zozo." And its dollars to doughnuts he'll make it a paying success.

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Lemere Mason, with the University Glee and Mandolin club, is a nephew of David L. Jones, this city.

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The manager of the University Glee and Mandolin club is Malcolm McAvoy, a promising young attorney of the Queen City. He is the right person in the right place.

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Jos. P. Donnolly, musical director of the University Glee and Mandolin club, is an organist in one of the leading churches of Cincinnati. He is a musician of exceptional ability.

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Although the great master hath said there is "nothing in a name," the world knows better. The name "Burglar" has doubtless cost the owner of the play thousands of dollars. The impression created by the title of the play is misleading. There is none of the blood and thunder Bowery style, although one would not think so unless one had seen the performance. It is more truly that style of dramatic composition that in modern stage nomenclature is called society drama, and is lightened with touches of pure Thomas' comedy, which comes out so strong in his great play, "Alabama." The opening scene is laid in the home of the wealthy. The happiness of the particular home in question is marred by the facts that the husband and father turns out to be a burglar, escapes arrest by compromize, and goes away. He is captured, and in escaping from jail is supposed to be shot and reported dead. The wife marries again, and in the second act comes the news that her first husband is not dead. The burglar, bent on plunder, visits the home of his wife, not knowing it is such, and is discovered by his own little daughter, whereupon ensues one of the most original scenes ever seen on the stage. The play has been seen here before, and is well known, being taken from Mrs. Burnett's charming sketch, "Editha's Burglar." This sketch Mr. Augustus Thomas has enlarged upon and turned into a four-act play of great strength, but the interest still centers about Editha and her burglar, whom she enjoins to "burgle quietly," and the third act is consequently the act of the play.

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Tonight children will be admitted to the Edison Vitascope performance for 15 cents. This will include a reserved seat in balcony or on lower floor.

Do

You want something extra fine for the holidays? Then order a dozen of the bottle beer for home us from The Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

Sem Annual Clearance .....Sale

OF TAILORING GOODS.

IN ACCOUNT of the accumulation of odds and ends and the constant change in novelties, we will from now until the first of January, 1897, make to order Suits and Overcoats at prices never heard of before considering the quality of the stock and the grade of work done.

Suits and Overcoats
For $20.00.
Former Prices $22.50 to $30.00.

Pants
For $5.00.
Former Price $7.50 to $10.00.

WE MAKE these reductions only for a short time, in order to dispose of our fall stock of goods and make room for Spring Goods. We have many short ends of trouserings which we can make up for men of medium height, and the price, $5.00, can not be duplicated. Come in, inspect the goods, and you will recognize the advantage of patronizing us.

Haas, Schwartz & Co.

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Pure, Fresh CLEAN DRUGS

Cor. 4th and Chillicothe Sts. Portsmouth, Ohio

NO-TO-BAC GUARANTEED TOBACCO HABIT **CURE**

Over 1,000,000 boxes sold. 300,000 cures prove its power to destroy the desire for tobacco in any form. No-to-bac is the greatest nerve-food in the world. Many gain 10 pounds in 10 days and it never fails to make the weak impotent man strong, vigorous and magnetic. Just try a box. You will be delighted. We expect you to believe what we say, for a cure is absolutely guaranteed by druggists everywhere. Send for our booklet "Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away," written guarantee and free sample. Address THE STERLING REMEDY CO., Chicago or New York. 12

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY *Seebohm & Co. Cor., Second and Chillicothe Sts.*

Wellsbach Incandescent Gas Burners

Will make a nice Christmas Gift. They save gas and give a better light. The latest improved $2.25.

R. S. PRICHARD,

Bicycle Repairing

424 Chillicothe Street.

A Good Story...

Once upon a time there was a lady who was the envy of all her neighbors and who always looked as neat as a new pin. It was a long time before her friends learned the secret that made her so attractive. At last they discovered that it was because she got her hats at the popular millinery store of MRS. Weichens.

P. S.—This is a true story or I would not have written it. ***

N. B.—To be continued in our next. ***

Co-operation

You Share in the Profits.

This is the solution of the labor problem. Try it awhile by buying your

Groceries, Coal, Fresh and Salt Meats, Etc.,

On the co-operative plan. Goods sold at lowest prices. All customers share in the profits.

The Portsmouth Co-operative Grocery

Corner Ninth and Findlay Sts.

"There Are Others."

Who can do work, but there are none who can do better work than

Cuppett & Webb,

Front Street.

They have everything in the line of building material, such as lumber, lath, shingles, etc., etc.

Porches,
Verandas,

And such work done in the most artistic manner.

See Them.

The Hat She Wore

Upon her shapely head added to her comely features because it was chosen and trimmed to suit her style. It

Was a Perfect Gem

Costly fabrics and elegant trimmings are thrown away unless the milliner has taste. If you want the best so used as to make the best appearance, go to

Miss Emma Zottman

For your millinery and you will never be disappointed.

Fix That Shoe

Before it is ruined. If you do not want it any more sell it.

J. A. McKinney

Isan expert in mending and buys and sells second hand shoes. 1020 Chillicothe street.

Special Bargains In Untrimmed Hats

Untrimmed Felt Shapes that have always sold for $1.00,

Choice for 25c.

I have a few of these left and will close them out.

A Fine Line Of Millinery

At unusually low prices.

MRS. L. C. BOLUSS,

Chillicothe Street.

We still have a choice stock of

Nuts and Fine Candy,

We will sell for the holidays only a choice mixture of

40-cent Candies at 25 Cents

Everything in our line is of the Best. Come and see us.

KNITTEL'S,

63 West Second Street

Stop There!

If you are looking for the finest and best there is in the market

Go no Further.

You will find everthing that was ever found in a first class meat market, at the store of

Brandau & Rueppel,

John Street.

Do You Know the Difference

Between first class or inferior laundry work? If you only knew the difference

It Makes In the Appearance.

If you do not, take your laundry to the

THE PORTSMOUTH STEAM LAUNDRY

And you will be convinced as to what first class work is.

There Is None Better,

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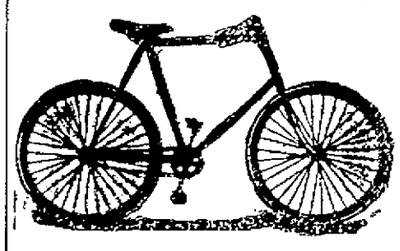

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Over Eighty Couples Participated in the Grand March, Which Took Place Promptly at Nine O'clock—A Surprise Party—Miss Moeller Entertains—Other Social News.

The Assembly of Portsmouth has for many years been noted for its delightful dances, and particularly for the success of its annual holiday balls. Not forgetting these brilliant events which had already been recorded in the history of the Assembly, the affair of last evening was pronounced to surpass all others in the completeness of every detail. Messrs. Will Schwartz, Chris. Heer and Will Altsman were the committee, and they are certainly deserving of the thanks and praise of every patron of the dance for their untiring efforts.

As a first charm, a more perfect ball room could not be found than the one which was the scene of last night's festivities, the hall in the new Damarin building, and with the additional charm of artistic decorations, a more attractive place could not be wished for. Festoons of laurel leaves were draped from all the beautiful chandeliers, bright with their incandescent lights, and handsome palms and other plants were banked in the corners and at all the bow-windows. In one of these bowers of green, through all of which shone the soft light of tinted lamps, sat the orchestra, the New York Trio, and at the others, refreshing ices were served during all the evening Holly wreaths and other trimmings of the holiday season were used in the decorations.

As the many guests arrived they were cordially welcomed at the entrance to the hall by the patronesses—Mrs. Jas. W. Bannon, Mrs. Wm. Pursell, Mrs. Emma Jennings, Mrs. A. T. Johnson and Mrs. Oscar Newman, and soon were forming in line for the Grand March. About eighty couples were in the march, which was led by Mr. Will Schwartz and Miss Gharky.

In all there were twenty-eight dances, and from the first Quadrille to the "Home, Sweet, Home" waltz, they were participated in with even more enthusiasm than is usually evidenced by the lovers of the "light fantastic." The handsome gowns worn by all the ladies made a beautiful mingling of styles and tints, something there to please the various tastes of the most fastidious.

For those who did not care to dance, card tables had thoughtfully been supplied, making the evening a pleasant one for all who attended. About midnight the guests were invited to the supper tables, which were arranged in the large room to the west of the dance hall. Here an elegant supper was served by A. Knittel's. At each plate was found a sprig of holly and a pretty souvenir—a lavender ribbon printed with the words "The Assembly," "January, 1897," and in which was fastened a very pretty stick-pin.

Besides the following list, there were a number present, who enjoyed the dance as spectators:

Misses Bertha Wait, Jean Gharky, Grace Cotton, Jennie Lewis, Irene Jordan, Alice Padan, Edith Doty, Jessie Henderson, Bertha Reed, Charlotte Bannon, Ruth Prichard, Pearl Merrill, Lou Warwick, Kate McConnell, Kate Newman, Laura Richardson, Anna Evans, Grace McCulloch, Amy Thompson, George Crawford, Eva Clayton, Julia Kinney, Bess Lewis, Essie Richardson, Carrie Eisman, Fannie Johnson, Sue Pursell, Nell Johnson, Julia Murphy, Gladys Evans, Lizzie Kearns, Edna Davis, Julia Hall, Mary Damarin and Alice Duduit.

Messrs. Guy Williams, E. A. Johnson, C. Heer, W. B. Altsman, W. H. Schwartz, S. D Ruggles, R. W. Lewis, Dan Connell, W. Whitelaw, A. D. Connell, John Peebles Jr., W. P. Reed, L. D. Corson, K. Duke, Earl Pursell, Clay Sanford, Lou Sanford, Art Bannon, Charles Wilhelm, Charles Hall, John Wilhelm, R. Richardson, Fred Tynes, H. W. Miller, T. B. Johnson, S. P. Shaw, R. Newman, Dan Davis, P. Brown, R S. Gilbert, A. Titus, Dr. Pennington, L Eisman, L. Doty, P. Esselborn, F. M. Edwards, H. Ware, F. Kline, A. M. Damarin and Raymond York.

P. C. Leete and wife, S. L. Gilbert and wife, A. T. Johnson and wife, W. M. Pursell and wife, W. S. Todd and wife, J. W. Lewis and wife, F. E. Duduit Jr. and wife, Jno. E. Jones and wife, M. Longfellow and wife, F. B. Corson and wife, F. McCormick and wife, S. Rice and wife, Ed Reed and wife, George Scudder and wife, Mrs. Jas. W. Bannon, Mrs. Oscar Newman and Mrs. Sam Johnson.

The guests from abroad were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bixby, of Ironton; Miss Meldon Smith, of Kansas City; Miss Dickson, of Martinsville, Ind.; Misses Margaret Brown and Florence Clark, of Ironton; Mrs. H. E. Greene, Misses Carol Simmons, Agnes Clyde, Adah Greene and Laura Richardson, of Cincinnati; Miss Edna Howard, of Chillicothe; Miss Louise Greene, of Gallipolis.

Messrs. Giles Dickson, of Martinsville, Ind.; L. H. Snyder, of Madisonville; I. L. Bond, of Gallipolis; J. B. Taylor, of Wheelersburg; H. Maupin, of Catlettsburg; P. C. Todd, of Urbana; F. M. Warwick, of Lucasville; J. S. Adkins, of Cincinnati; Will McKee and A Minshall, of Chillicothe; L. V. Jones, S. L. Martin and C. P. Marshall, of Ashland, Ky.; George Moffett, J. N. Brown and Joe Rogers, of Ironton; A. H. Cummins, of Akron; Geo. A. Straw, of Carey.

THE MUSICALE PROGRAM.

The following program will be rendered at the concert to be given by the Ladies' Musicale at All Saints chapel next Monday evening. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged.

Two Pianos, "Raymond Overture," (A. Thomas)—Mrs. Draper, Miss Eisman; Mrs. Newman, Miss Evans.

Part Song, "Boating," (Giebel)—Mrs. Shober, Mrs. Jones, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Hibbs.

Piano Solo, "Castanets," (Ketterer)—Mrs. Maddock.

Recitation, "The Peri at the Gate"—Mrs. Lena K. Reed.

Soprano Solo, "At Length 'Tis Here"—Miss Zottmann.

Piano Duett, "Il Trovatore," (Kunkel)—Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Crawford.

Soprano Solo, "Spring Night," (Jensen)—Mrs. Kinney.

Recitation—Miss Newman.

Soprano Solo, "A Summer Night," (A. Goring Thomas)—Mrs. Leete.

Two Pianos, "Persian March," (De Kontski)—Miss Eisman, Miss Ball; Miss Newman, Miss Evans.

Part Song, "Annie Laurie," (Buck)—Mrs. Hibbs, Mrs. Waite, Mrs. Selby Mrs. Lewis.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Last evening, about eight o'clock, a party of ladies and gentlemen laden with baskets of good things happened in on Chas. Figelstahler and wife and took them wholly by surprise. Charley was equal to the occasion, however, and entertained their friends in royal style. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schropp, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kugelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Doerr, Mr. and Mrs. Will Maier, and Mr. and Mrs. John Steahly. They did not depart until the wee small hours, but when they did so, they all declared that Mr. and Mrs. Figelstahler were royal entertainers—even if they were surprised.

A PLEASANT PARTY.

Miss Katharine Moeller, of East Ninth street, entertained a number of friends at her residence last evening. Cards, games and music caused the evening to pass all too quickly. Refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Laura Halderman, Minta McKerrihan, Anna Goodman, Edith Staten, Edna Pick, May Winter and Messrs. Arthur Ruggles, Sanford Linck, Edward Rickey, Lou Williams, Oscar Adams, John Edwards and Harry Blankemeyer.

AT CAMP ARION.

A number of ladies and gentlemen belonging to the Camp Arion crowd spent New Year's day at that delightful resort. About a dozen were in the party.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON.

The Ladies' society of Christ church will spend a social afternoon with Mrs. Leigh Watkins, East Fourth street, on Monday afternoon, January 4th, 1897.

A FAMILY ROW

John B. Harter Will Be Happy If His Wife Is in the Workhouse.

They Do Not Live Together But He Alleges That She Has Sneaked Into His House and Stolen a Bulldog Revolver and a Bolt of Muslin.

John B. Harter, aged sixty-nine, living a few miles east of the city up Munn's Run, is having much trouble and sorrow in his old age.

It all came about through a woman. A few years ago Harter became enamored of a fairly good-looking girl about twenty-six or twenty-seven years of age. He had a little property, and this, added to his personal charms, induced the young woman to become his bride. So they were married, and for a brief time all went well.

In time, the young bride tired of her aged husband, and she began to seek the companionship of persons nearer her own age. One of these companions was a young man named McDonald. McDonald was a frequent caller at the Harter home, and he and the young wife became quite intimate—so intimate, indeed, that old man Harter became insanely jealous and raised all kinds of rows. In one of these an axe figured prominently.

The result of it all was that Harter and his wife separated in November last. Since then she has been living on Third street, in this city. Harter has tried in vain to persuade her to return to him, but she has refused. Now, he is trying to get even. Yesterday he filed an affidavit against his wife in 'Squire Cole's court. He alleges that since she left him his wife has been paying sly visits to his home, while he was away, and has taken (stolen, the affidavit says) various articles of value belonging to him. He mentions in particular a self-action, bull-dog revolver and a bolt of muslin, each valued at five dollars.

Mrs. Harter will be arrested today. Old man Harter will appear against her, and endeavor to swear her liberty away. He will be satisfied, he says, if he can send her to the work-house and get his goods back.

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We have most everything you want in linen goods.
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Children's Extra Heavy Natural Wool Vests at	10c
Men's Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Shirts and Drawers at	25c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers at	25c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Cotton Fleeced Shirts and Drawers at	50c apiece
Men's Extra Heavy Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers and	50c apiece

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Infant's Woolen Hosiery at	20c	Children's Woolen Hosiery at	12½c
Infant's Woolen Hosiery at	25c	Children's Woolen Hosiery at	15c
Ladies' Woolen Hosiery at	15c	Children's Woolen Hosiery at	18c
Ladies' Woolen Hosiery at	20c	Men's extra heavy woolen hosiery,	12½c
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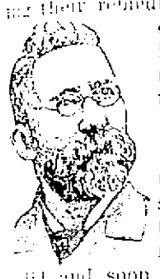

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Christ Episcopal.

Third and Bond streets, Rev. Alfred R. Taylor, rector. Services on Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a.m. Morning prayer, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 p. m. standard time. All are cordially invited.

First Presbyterian.

Southwest corner of Third and Court streets, Rev. D. S. Tappan, D. D., rector, Dr. C. P. Dennis, Sunday school superintendent. Sabbath school at 8:45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "A Winning Race." Evening, "The Unchanging Friend." Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. The Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. A very cordial invitation to attend all these services is extended to everybody.

Second Presbyterian.

Eighth and North Waller, Rev. S. B. Alderson, D. D., pastor Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., standard time. Morning subject, "God Requireth That Which is Past." Evening subject, "Let it Alone This Year Also." Special music at both services. Sunday school at 8:45 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.

German Presbyterian.

Corner Seventh and Chillicothe streets, J. A. Toensmeier, pastor. Sunday school at 8:30 a m, Mr. Adam Young superintendent. Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m., Miss Ella Bihlman, leader. German service at 10 a. m. English service at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Sixth Street M. E.

All services tomorrow (Sunday) in the Kendall building, corner of Chillicothe and Seventh streets. Sabbath school at 9 a. m.; Sacramental service at 10:30, conducted by Rev. W. F. Filler, presiding elder of the Portsmouth district; Junior league at 2 p. m.; mass meeting (for men only) at 3 p. m., addressed by Rev. Thomas S. Robjent, on "The Social Evil"; Epworth league at 6 p. m.; people's service at 7 p. m., with sermon by Rev. W. F. Filler. Subject, "What it is to Be a Man of God." A hearty welcome to all. Strangers are requested to attend not later than 6:50 for the evening service.

Bigelow M. E.

Washington and Fifth, Willis V. Dick, pastor. Sunday school 8:45 a. m., L. H, Murphy, Supt. Public worship and sermon at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Junior Epworth League 2 p. m. Epworth League 6 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Seats free and a general invitation to these services extended. Morning subject, "An Altar of Whole Stones." Evening, "What a Dissatisfied Man Did." Mrs. Hutchins will sing at both services. The Week of Prayer will be observed. Services each evening next week except Saturday, at 7 o'clock.

German M. E.

Corner Fourth and Washington streets, Rev. W. A. Schruff, pastor; parsonage No. 39 West Sixth street. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:15 Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject. "Pressing on to Perfection." Evening, "Wilt Thou Not Quicken Us Again?" Evangelistic services under the direction of the pastor every night (except Saturday) at 7 p. m. during the week. A cordial invitation is extended to attend these services.

First Baptist.

There will be the usual services tomorrow morning and evening. Rev. J. A. Snodgrass will preach. Sunday school at 9 a. m., Allen B. Cook, Supt. Junior Union at 2:30 p. m., Miss Ludie Morris, Supt. Morning subject, "The Lord's Supper." Evening, "A Gospel Service." B. Y. P. U. meeting Monday evening. Everybody is invited to attend all these services, and especially strangers in the city. No Teachers meeting this evening. The church will observe the week of prayer with services every evening.

First Congregational

Findlay street, between Ninth and Tenth. Rev. W. H. Baker pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10:15 a. m., and 7 p. m. Admission of members and communion service in the morning. Subject of the evening sermon will be "Weaving the Web of Life." Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Christian.

Corner of Third and Gay streets, W. A. Harp, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m., Senior Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m., standard time. Sermons by Evangelist J. A. L. Romig. Beautiful solos by Prof. Jeffery. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Morris Chapel.

Rev. J. A. Snodgrass will conduct meetings in Morris chapel, West Side, every evening next week.

Free Will Baptist.

Corner of Hutchins and Robinson avenues, Rev. Thos E. Peden, pastor. Sabbath School at 9:30 a. m., Dennis Corriel, superintendent. Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Responsibilities of the New Year." Evening subject, "The Essentials of a Genuine Revival." A. C. F. meeting at 6:15. All are invited.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The members and friends of the association take this means of thanking the Ladies' Auxiliary for the very delightful reception given them yesterday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and every effort was made to begin 1897 as happy as possible. The following committee were present:

Managing Committee—Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Wm. F. Whitney, Mr. McCall.

Reception Committee—Mr. P. J. Kline, Mrs. Graham, Miss Maggie Lloyd and Mrs. W. K. Thompson.

Young Ladies Assisting in Dining Room—Misses Hadley, Tappan, Snodgrass, Nellie and Bertha Schwartz.

Waiters—Will Moore, head waiter; Howard E. Miller, Geo. Johnson, Floyd Fuller, Chas. Scudder, Frank Tappan.

The waiters were very energetic in inducing the young men to partake of the good things provided by the ladies, and produced a sleepless night for the secretary by their efforts on his account. They said all tips were to be devoted to a new building for the Y. M. C. A, but the suspicious stains around six laughing faces, looked as though the new building would not get much of the money, unless some candy merchant finally donated it.

The rooms will not be open Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Thos. S. Robjent will address a mass meeting of men in Kendall's hall, under the auspices of the association, on "Social Evil." Mr. W. H. Schwartz will sing a solo and other special music will be rendered. All men are cordially invited.

The board of directors will meet Monday night. This is important, and a full meeting must be had.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A special call to those who are in charge of special work on the Woman's Edition is urged.

Educational and gymnasium classes will be resumed next week. Penmanship class meets tonight.

"Sugar Loaf" baked beans, with catsup sauce, made by Sears & Nichols, are the finest on earth. Ask your grocer for them.

Art Bannon Won the Trophy.

In the Scioto Gun club shoot at New Boston New Year's day, the club trophy, a can of smokeless powder, was won by Art Bannon. He scored forty-three out of a possible fifty, which was better than other members of the club could do.

Cheerful

Holiday wishes the Portsmouth Brewing and Ice company to all its patrons, and to our good citizens in general.

Change in Bookkeepers.

Chas. Schirrman, for the past few months employed as book-keeper for Reitz & Co., has accepted a position with B. Augustin, the wholesale grocer, succeeding Fred Gockle, who will represent the firm on the road.

It is a wringer—we mean that clothes-wringer at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It is the best in the market. Call and see it.

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The Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson Received in the Normandie.

The Proposed Reforms Will Grant Three Administrative Bodies in Cuba—The Cubans Will Be Granted a Large Share of Control Over Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—According to custom, the secretary of state and Mrs. Olney entertained the diplomatic corps at breakfast at their residence at noon Friday. About 150 were present. Mrs. Olney was assisted in receiving by Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. Sheridan, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Charles H. Davis, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. Endicott, Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, Mrs. Minot, her daughter and a number of young girls.

In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Olney received callers.

Vice-President and Mrs. Stevenson received in the parlors of the Normandie. Those assisting were Lewis C. Stevenson, Miss Clara R. Brown, of Illinois, the Misses Mendonca, Senorita Gana, Senorita Andrade, Miss Stevenson and others.

The members of the cabinet received callers after the white house reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The effect of the reforms proposed by the Spanish government for Porto Rico, when extended to Cuba, as is proposed when the insurrection has been brought under further control, will be to create three series of administrative bodies in the island, independent of the representatives of Cuba in the Spanish cortes. The voters under a system of limited suffrage, are already permitted to choose the boards of aldermen of municipalities and the mayors are to be chosen from these boards by vote of their members. The next body in rank is the provincial assembly, of which there is only one in Porto Rico, but one for each of the six provinces of Cuba. The functions of the provincial assembly are largely united with those of the proposed council of administration in the case of Porto Rico, because there is but one body. The council of administration will be an independent body in Cuba, and will, for the first time, give the Cubans a large share of control over their internal domestic concerns. The home government will retain control of the laws levying taxation, and will reserve the right to renew the budget of appropriations, but the appropriations will be made by the council of administration, subject to the appproval of the ministry at Madrid. The Spanish government does not propose at present to widen the limits of the suffrage which extends to persons paying a combined tax of five dollars, and to several of the learned professions. The reforms in contemplation for Cuba are largely those which were embodied in the decree of March 15, 1895, but which have not yet been put in force because of the insurrection. Changes which have been proposed in this law will require to be submitted to the cortes at their meeting in the spring, but it is not doubted that the plans proposed by the ministry will be accepted.

SECRETLY PLOTTING

With Spain to Crush the Republic of Cuba—Alleged Dealings of Secretary Olney and Minister De Lome.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Journal Friday published the following startling cablegram from its very excellent correspondent at Madrid, Mr. James Creelman:

"It has taken me many days to trace out the astounding dealings of President Cleveland and his administration with the Spanish monarchy, but I am now in a position to give the American public some light on the subject. Actual facts show that Cleveland's offer of mediation was simply a cover under the American government secretly proposed to help Spain to overthrow and suppress the republic of Cuba and to enforce peace in that island on terms which the patriot army would not accept. This offer was not made in the form of a written document, transmitted through the usual channels, but, for the sake of greater secrecy, was conveyed in a verbal statement made by Secretary Olney to the Spanish minister at Washington, De Lome, who cabled the whole matter to Madrid. The understanding was that if Cuban leaders refused to lay down their arms upon conditions of local self-government to be proposed through the United States, the whole influence and power of the American government would be exerted to crush the new republic.

"The slightest investigation by congress will reveal the truth of this statement.

"I have the facts upon unimpeachable authority, but the most surprising fact in this well-concealed conspiracy against the Cuban republic is that in order to help Spain in her pitiless campaign of massacre, Secretary Olney has not presented any of the claims for damages arising out of the destruction of American property in the present war.

"My investigations in Madrid show that, notwithstanding Cleveland's empty expressions of sympathy for Cubans, he has been their most vigilant and deliberate enemy.

"He has searched the records for pretexts to avoid pressing the just claims of Americans upon Spain.

"At the same time he has intimated to the monarchy, through more than one channel, his desire to prevent Cuba from achieving independence."

Senator Perkins a Candidate for Re-Election.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The legislature, which meets in Sacramento on Monday, is largely republican in complexion. The party has 74 in the two houses, 46 in the assembly and 28 in the senate. U. S. Senator Perkins will be a candidate for re-election.

THE PRODUCTION

Of Minerals and Metals for the Year 1896 in the United States.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal Saturday says:

The production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1896 is given at a total value of $653,311,468, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of $24,688,266, or about 312 per cent. This decrease was largely in values rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increases.

The total production of metals in the year 1896 was valued at $242,311,481, an increase of $1,694,111 over the previous year, while the value of nonmetallic substances was $410,999,987, a derease of $26,383,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower values of coal, stone and a few other important substances, very little resulting from the smaller quantities.

The increase in copper has been extraordinary, the total gain amounting to 67,370,156 pounds. The production of gold reached the great total of $57,000,000, a gain of $10,169,800. This extraordinary advance, which far surpasses the gain reported from any other country in the world, puts the United States far in the lead of the producing countries. Our output of gold was no less than 26 per cent. of the total reported for the entire world.

The production of pig iron has been 8,768,869 long tons. The decrease from 1895 being only 677,439 tons or about 7 per cent.

The production of lead from domestic ores amounted to 175,777 short tons, showing an increase of 20,863 tons over the preceding year. In addition to this there were 79,000 tons produced from imported ores or refined from imported bullion.

The output of quicksilver was 33,012 flasks of 76½ pounds each, showing a decrease of 966 flasks from the previous year. The production continues to come wholly from the California mines.

The production of silver from domestic ores reached a total of 45,465,173 fine ounces, showing a decrease of 865,062 ounces. There were produced or refined from foreign ores and bullion by our smelters and other works no less than 40,000,000 fine ounces of silver, making the total quantity refined or put into final marketable form in this country 85,465,173 fine ounces.

The total production of spelter or commercial zinc for 1896 amounted to 77,044 short tons, showing a decrease of 4,774 tons from that of 1895.

The output of bituminous coal was 141,770,099 tons, showing a gain of 4,371,752 tons. On the other hand there was a decrease of 6,782,057 short tons in the anthracite production.

The total coal production was, therefore, 193,351,027 short tons, and the total decrease, as compared with 1895, was 2,410,305 tons.

SALOON RIOT,

In Which Two Men Were Shot and Two Policemen Were Nearly Beaten to Death.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 2.—Two men were shot and two policemen received a nearly fatal beating in a saloon riot on Waterloo street at about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The fracas occurred at the place of Summers & Treadwell. Officers John Vergiever and Wm. Herrington entered the place, suspecting that the law was being violated in keeping open. Immediately they were confronted by an angry crowd, in which "Bulk" Treadwell and Orie Kruger, the bartender, seemed to be leaders. The men demanded to see the officers' badges, and almost immediately the crowd set upon the two policemen. Revolvers were drawn and shots were fired. Beer glasses, bricks and all sorts of instruments of assault were employed, and in a few minutes the two patrolmen were lying on the floor, with gaping wounds in their heads, senseless.

At the same time it was noticed that Treadwell and one other were staggering. An alarm was turned in at headquarters and Sergeant Welsh dispatched a patrol wagon filled with eight men, with orders to arrest all in the place.

At the same time the ambulance was sent to bring the injured men to headquarters. It returned to the station bearing Treadwell and two officers. A half dozen physicians had been summoned and these began work immediately. The police were bathed and the blood-stained clothing was torn from them. Treadwell was examined by Drs. Ross and Edie and it was found a 32 caliber bullet had entered his right breast just above the nipple. The bullet had evidently glanced from a rib and was to be felt above the abdomen. He may possibly recover. Vergiever seemed the worst hurt of the two officers. He was stupid from the effects of the beating that he received and was unable to answer any questions.

At 5:30 Kruger, who is charged with being a leader of the assault, was locked up. Other arrests are being made as fast as the police can locate the parties wanted.

A Successor to Senator Palmer.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 2.—The Illinois legislature will convene January 6. The most important business before it and the topic which is at present all absorbing is the election of a United States senator to succeed Hon. John M. Palmer. There are six candidates: William E. Mason, Clarke E. Carr, ex-minister to Denmark and for some time speaker of the lower house; John M. Hamilton, of Chicago; Samuel W. Allerton, the millionaire pork packer, also of Chicago; Congressman Robert R. Hitt and Martin B. Madden, a Chicago alderman.

Will Adhere to the Arbitration Protocol

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Chronicle's Rome correspondent telegraphs that it is rumored that the powers generally will give adherence to the arbitration protocol between the United States and Great Britain. Italy, it is added, will be the first nation to signify its official approval.

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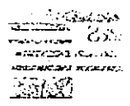

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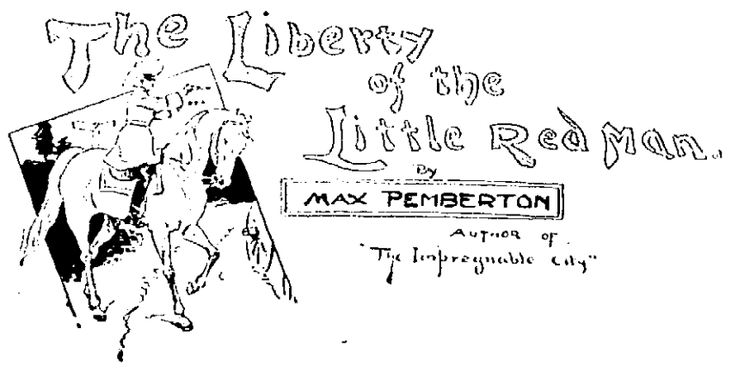

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Our fiction service for the first month of the New Year will present an unusual variety of

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The first story on our list is from the pen of the brilliant author of "The Impregnable City."

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"THE LIBERTY OF THE LITTLE RED MAN" is concerned with the exploits of a famous character in old Paris, in the time of Louis XV, known as "Coq le Roi," and the assistance rendered him by a court beauty, Corinne de Montesson, in his escapades.

It will be succeeded by a powerful study of one of the questions of the day entitled "WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS——?" by

MARGARET DELAND,

author of "John Ward, Preacher," "Sidney," and other novels which have gained universal attention and discussion. The story which we shall print is based on the wisdom or unwisdom of confessing a fault which has long since been atoned for, under circumstances which seem to demand such a confession. It is a keen study of character by one who has gained pre-eminence in the portrayal of the workings of the human soul.

Two stories of the war, by

JOS. A. ALTSHELER

AND

WILL N. HARBEN,

MARGARET DELAND.

will follow. Mr. Altsheler, in "AT THE CANNON'S MOUTH," has portrayed a touching occurrence in one of the battles of the Peninsular campaigns. Mr. Harben, in "A WAR TIME INCIDENT," has drawn one of his characteristic pictures of the life of the period among the poor whites of the far South.

"THE MAN WHO LOOKED LIKE THE KING," by

DAVID SKAATS FOSTER.

Of Utica, N. Y., author of "A Crisis in Oldendorf," and "The Six Dumb-bells of Castle Schreckenstrohm," is, like those lively *contes drolatiques*, concerned with the experience of an American in Germany, who unintentionally meddles with the affairs of a small German principality, and passes through a laughable series of adventures in consequence.

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Another story portraying German character as seen through American eyes, has been written for us by the author of "Guenn" and "One Summer,"

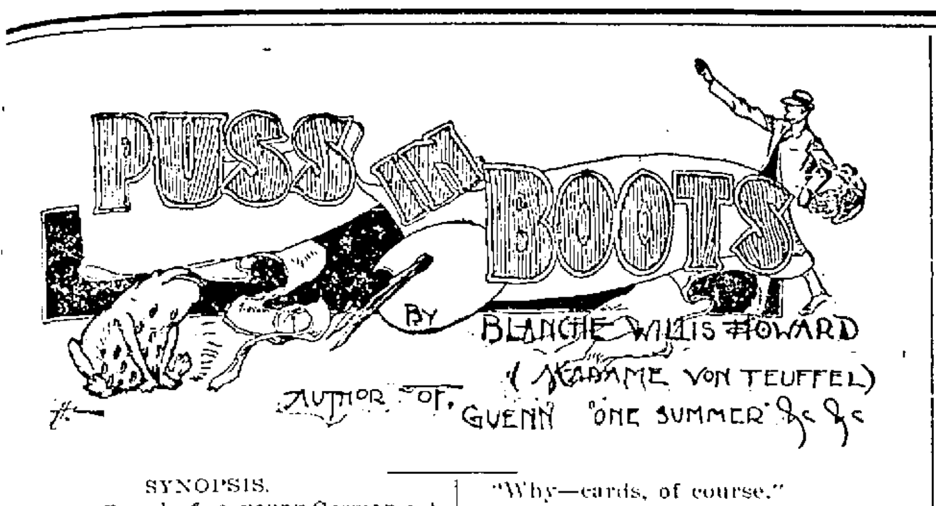
BLANCHE WILLIS HOWARD.

It is a keen satire upon the delays and formalities of foreign legal proceedure, in the case of a forlorn old man who had fallen into difficulties.

We shall close the month with a typical story of Western life, "STATION 347†57.6," by

WOLCOTT LeCLEAR BEARD,

author of "Specs," "The Martyrdom of John the Baptist," "Bisnaja Madeleine," and other remarkable short stories which have recently appeared in the leading magazines.



SYNOPSIS.

Richard Burgdorf, a young German artist, whose nickname is "Prince Chardo," and his friend Florio, a literary student, in the course of their "Wanderjahr" through Germany, have reached the end of their resources, and find themselves, weary, footsore and hungry, by the wayside near a German town. Richard, in whose artistic ability Florio has great faith, sinks down and can go no further. Florio bestirs himself to secure food and a bed for his friend. After one or two reverses, he knocks at a promising looking door. A kindly old German woman receives him, gives him food for himself and Richard, and advises him to put on a bold face. He goes through the vineyards, makes friends with an old workman, to whom he jestingly talks about his master, "Prince Chardo." The old man takes the remark seriously, and Florio is inspired with the idea of using his supposed master's name as a recommendation, in the manner of "Puss-in-Boots." The plan is successful, and Florio obtains work, and secures temporary lodgings for himself and his friend, who is ignorant of the subterfuge. Florio also poses as a famous concert singer in disguise. He gives a trial before a manager, repeating a comical frog song of his boyhood days, and is engaged at a good salary. He persuades a picture dealer that Richard is Prince Chardo, a wealthy amateur in disguise, and obtains painting materials for his friend.

PART V.

Armed with the glittering fib on his cap, together with trusty Johannes Mezler's recommendation, Florio engaged the rooms without difficulty. Under the pledge of secrecy he confided Prince Chardo's name, even the long Latin one, to the gardener, and urged the necessity of leaving the high-born gentleman entirely to his own devices, for, although of winning and amiable character, he was singularly eccentric, and, particularly to preserve his incognito, would hesitate at nothing.

The gardener sagely replied that sovereigns and such had mostly nowadays a screw loose in the upper story. All he and his old woman cared about was steady pay and a quiet tenant on the premises, for a carousing painter, such as they'd last had, they could not abide.

Florio found Richard doubled up in a state of concentrated gloom.

"Here, little one! Now show the stuff you're made of."

Chardo sprang up glorified.

"I don't ask you where you got it. I don't much care if you stole it. Look! Just look at them," thrusting under his friend's nose some maniacal black streaks which to the artist meant two bare-legged urchins bathed in spring sunshine and fishing in a brook. "Aren't they beauties!" He smiled ecstatically. "I'm fairly aching to get at them. If you could have seen the light this morning. They are coming to-morrow. I'll be there waiting on the opposite bank. And you've got me all these things? Oh, Florio, I was just ready to curse God and die. I cannot live unless I paint."

"Live and Paint, Chardo! Paint some sketchy little things and I swear I'll sell them for you, every one. Then you can paint the great one. Now you and I are going to have a good hot Christian supper and some beer. Hear the chink-chink! I earned it."

"But how?"

"It's all right, I tell you. Just give me your head for a little while. Some day I'll tell you some things that will make your toes curl. You stick to your last. But how long do you want to paint the beggars? Of course you can't tell how long they'll come. Will a week do? Well, we'll stay here a week. Then we will honorably pay our bill and move on to better things. Stepping Heavenwards, you know. Don't look incredulous. You pain me, my son. It is almost as if you were aspersing my commercial integrity."

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Willy Winkel was a "screaming success." The public said the best thing about him was that he never was at a loss for a new gag. In his speckled-green mummery he warbled and croaked and flopped several months with unabated vigor, before he felt that he had amassed sufficient ill-gotten gains to permit him to retire from those gilded halls and tread the humble and less remunerative path of literature. But beyond question the Bullfrog gallantly filled the breach. He enabled Florio to meet decently and in order the manifold indebtedness he had assumed with such temerity, to nourish Prince Chardo with blood-producing viands, to cloth him in suitable raiment, to lavish upon angel-granny kerchiefs, sugar loaves, snuff and caps against the time when he could more substantially respond to her gracious hospitality. One day, indeed, moved [illegible] by pangs of conscience, he looked up his surly vintner and presented him with a portly pipe and some tobacco, yet could not resist the temptation to wear, even upon this quasi-penitential pilgrimage, the coronet of princely service. It seemed to complete the episode, he assured himself. One must always dot one's i's—in short, the Frog paid their bills, gratified all their simple tastes, and fairly started them on the road to prosperity, but, somehow Florio loathed him.

Chardo looked anxiously at his friend when regularly about yawning time he began to maintain that he'd got to meet [illegible] himself about an hour or [illegible] and reappear, somewhat flushed, [illegible] midnight.

"[illegible] not playing, are you, old [illegible]" Richard asked suddenly one [illegible] Florio came in. "You cannot [illegible]

[illegible]ing?" Florio turned very red. "[illegible] Where? What in the deuce [illegible]?"

"Why—cards, of course."

"Oh, cards. Well, that is an idea. Cards? Heaven forbid." With a great laugh. "I should say not. Don't bother, little one." After awhile, with beautiful candor: "It is merely some work I am doing for a man who cannot give it to me at any other time. He pays me well, so it's worth while."

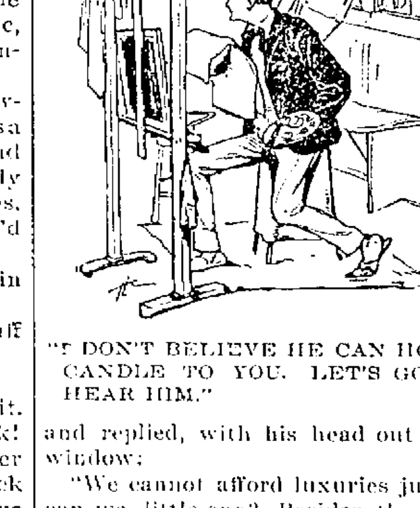
Chardo, never inquisitive, still weak and greatly preoccupied, troubled his head no more about his friend's nocturnal engagements, and somehow got the fixed impression that it was of a literary nature—writing at dictation, revision or something of the sort.

"He seems to be a rabid smoker of vile tobacco," the invalid once murmured, drowsily, from his pillow, and Florio chuckled as he pulled off his shoes.

Again later, in the studio one day, the painter, glancing at a newspaper, exclaimed, with a certain resentment:

"Why, here's a chap pretending to sing a frog song. Willy Winkel is his sweet little tootums name. Tremendous success, it says. I don't believe he can hold a candle to you. Let's go and hear him."

Florio, his back turned, made a wry face as at some nauseous compound,



"I DON'T BELIEVE HE CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO YOU. LET'S GO AND HEAR HIM."

and replied, with his head out of the window:

"We cannot afford luxuries just yet, can we, little one? Besides, the man is probably a blank idiot."

"No doubt," acquiesced his Serene Highness.

Sometimes all things work together for the naughty. Florio's frivolous music hall experiences suggested to him a series of sketches which he called "Behind the Scenes." The first of these papers he submitted in person to the editor of a large journal, the day after the Frog's debut. The great man happened to be suffering from a plague of anaemic contributions. He was of a robust and sanguine temperament, and his young colleagues floundered in pessimism.

As Florio entered his sanctum he was roundly asserting that Schopenhauer, von Hartman, and even Nietschke were well enough in themselves, but no fitting food for journalistic babes. Ibsen he profoundly admired, but could shoot in cold blood for the huge mental indigestion he had caused among feeble-minded disciples. As for Max Nordau, somebody ought to wring his little neck. "Vital, full-blooded things are what I want." At this moment in came Florio, whatever he lacked, pre-eminently vital, his article no less. The great man raised his eyebrows, smiled, liked it and its author, gave him suggestions, counsel and, still better, regular work. The relationship proved of value to both. Chardo, fully persuaded his friend was one of the most brilliant young men the world has ever seen, was yet astonished that his first journalistic work was so remunerative, for they wanted for nothing.

Nemesis ought obviously to have overtaken Florio, but in this instance was unpunctual. The classic dame sometimes misses our modern connections. It is true he imagined her dogging his footsteps, and he frequently had to realize that the way of the transgressor is hard. But just as his perjuries seemed on the point of being found out, some fresh burst of inspired impudence would rescue him. His progeny of fibs prospered amazingly well, never jostling one another rudely and putting their progenitor to shame.

His most precarious task was to manage the prince, who, as his health improved, and his spirits rose, would persist in slapping Florio on the back at inopportune moments, throwing an affectionate arm across his shoulders, as the friends strolled toward evening in the garden, even condescending to call him "old boy" or "Dumpling"—a nursery name resulting from certain quondam contours which the years had kindly obliterated—when Florio would shoot a sneaking glance at the worthy old couple in their cottage porch, as much as to say: "It's only his little eccentric way!" and they would nod astutely.

But Florio enjoyed exquisite moments of compensation. He liked to stand at an open window, the cigarette box in his hand, and inquire in the most solicitous and devoted manne, conceivable:

"Does your Highness deign to smoke?"

His Highness, working away as usual at a picture, would rarely turn his head, but merely say, in his pleasant, low voice:

"What an incorrigible ass you are!" "Quite prince like," the gardener told his wife.

PART VI.

Chrado, not being an infant, a convict or a maniac, could hardly be locked up for safe keeping. Like other young men, he had the inveterate habit of going where he pleased. Whenever Florio found the rooms deserted he would pace them restlessly until he saw Richard striding in with still unclouded brow. He not unnaturally strayed into picture exhibitions, chatted with painters, now and again, to Florio's grim despair, went of an evening to drink a glass of beer in a cheerful place frequented by the fraternity. If a stray artist chanced to walk into the studio, he always found that other fellow unsocial, if not surly. Policemen and postmen, in the innocent discharge of their duties, occasioned Florio many not insignificant frights.

In every reasonable and unreasonable way did he seek to avert the ever impending disastrous carambolage of Burgdorf and Prince Chardo, at least until the former young gentleman had built up a reputation upon legitimate foundations. But the conspirator fared better than his deserts, and escaped with his fears and forebodings. Luckily for him, Richard, for the most part, desired nothing better than to shun mankind and paint. Reserved, sensitive, moody, inspired by large hopes, and chafing at the prolonged delay in their fruition, proud of Florio's success, yet longing to bear his own share of their burdens, he worked unceasingly, bided his time, lived the life of a hermit, and cared for no society but that of his friend.

Yet, if the painter so much as stopped to look at something in Johannes Mezler's window, Florio shivered with apprehension, and would resort to the meanest inventions, and the longest way around to avoid that street.

"I saw Prince Chardo yesterday," Mezler announced one morning with some complacency. "I had a good stare at him."

"Oh, did you?"

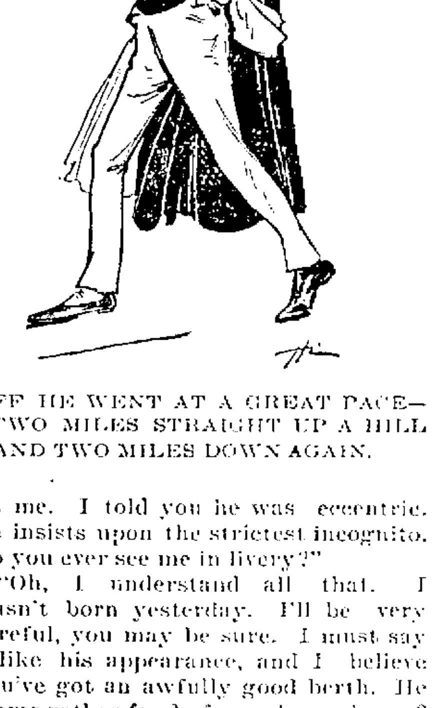
"Handsome fellow, isn't he? No end aristocratic. So pale and a bit haughty. Wouldn't do for you and me, eh? but just suits him. He stood a long time at my window. He almost came in. Then he changed his mind."

"Oh, did he?"

"I was just about to run and open the door for him, when he went on."

Recovering from his alarm Florio replied, with singular vehemence:

"It is lucky for you that you did not, Mezler. He does not like that sort of thing at all. Never open doors for him, never! The prince likes to open his own doors. Never take any notice of him. If he should come in here be as indifferent as you can. Never on any account to say Your Highness. If you should make any such slip, he would never enter your place again or



OFF HE WENT AT A GREAT PACE—TWO MILES STRAIGHT UP A HILL AND TWO MILES DOWN AGAIN.

let me. I told you he was eccentric. He insists upon the strictest incognito. Do you ever see me in livery?"

"Oh, I understand all that. I wasn't born yesterday. I'll be very careful, you may be sure. I must say I like his appearance, and I believe you've got an awfully good berth. He seems rather fond of you, do you know? I noticed his smiling and gracious manner as you were walking by last week. After all, it's no wonder."

"Do you think so?" Florio returned, modestly. "You see we are about the same age and grew up together as it were. That is to say, I was permitted to play with His Highness when we were boys."

"Oh, anybody can see with half an eye that you have enjoyed unusual advantages," retorted Mezler, encouragingly; "I noticed that the day we met."

Having taken the precaution to restretch the "Boys Fishing"—fearing Mezler might have some occult method of recognizing his own wares—Florio brought it down, and said amiably:

"I thought perhaps you might like to see this. It is one of Richard Burgdorf's sketches. The prince has several at his rooms just now."

"Oh, that is a good thing. I like that. I wish I could exhibit it in my window."

"Well, I don't know. I must ask the prince, of course. I suppose I can leave it an hour or so."

Mezler met him upon his return with the somewhat embarrassed announcement that a rich customer had taken a fancy to the little painting—particularly when informed it was by a young painter of note, a protege of His Higness, Prince Chardo.

"I hardly know what to say. I suggested a pretty big price, just as a damper, you know. She instantly declared she'd pay it. She's a person I don't like to disappoint. I explained it was not put into my hands to sell, and the decision rested entirely with Prince Chardo, but that only made her wild."

"Well," said Florio, dispassionately, "I suppose all I can do is to go and ask him."

Off he went at a great pace two miles straight up a hill and two miles down again, and exercised heroic self-control not to break in a war dance in the public thoroughfares, for beyond all things he longed that Chardo, after his struggles, his long illness, helplessness, enforced restraint and champing of the bit, should have the joy of selling a picture and feeling his own strength.

"His Highness has not the least objection," Florio in due time announced, blandly. "He might perhaps have kept the sketch himself, but that is no matter. No price is intimated, and the artist is not at the moment accessible. Of course, it's a slight thing. Still, it's a Burgdorf. The prince thinks, under the circumstances, you ought to set rather a fancy value on it, with a handsome commission for yourself, of course."

"Hurrah! Won't I! And if by hook or crook you can get me another little Burgdorf, you'll be doing me the greatest possible service, for I know a woman who will neither eat nor sleep until she has one of a size larger than the 'Boys Fishing.'"

"Count upon me, Mezler."

The twain concocted a price which the lady proudly paid in solid coin of the realm. Two more charming little Burgdorfs the delighted Mezler sold at romantic rates. Discreet, but strongly commendatory paragraphs about the young artist now began to appear simultaneously in many papers, and were largely copied by exchanges. Mezler kindly showed them to Florio, but those journals never lay about the studio.

From the day the "Boys Fishing" was sold, Chardo seemed to take a new lease of life. His step became buoyant, his bearing erect, his eye calm, his laugh jolly and his large picture grew apace.

Florio, covertly watching the transformation, felt warm and stout of heart, and repented naught of his sins. But as he was slaving much in those days—with his writing and his nauseating night occupation, besides piloting his fibs—and Chardo was now fortuitously launched, it happened that the star known as Willy Winkel disappeared suddenly from the firmament, to the chagrin of the public, still more of the directory, who declared with pectus he would engage him again "at any time and on his own terms, for the Frog or any new creation."

Willy Winkel thanked him and bade him farewell amicably as one who may look in on the morrow, for, Florio reflected, in the marvelous variety-entertainment which we call life, it is always well to have, as sailors say, something "to windward."

Soon he was heard in the studio jovially humming:

"Ug-gl-loo,
Ker-chunk, kerchunk,
Ug-gl-loo!"

For now he loved his frog again, and that is human nature.

"How jolly, good that sounds!" exclaimed Chardo. "Do you know, you've not sung it in an age?"

Hardly a score of months from the day the beggars were coming to town, they sat one evening on the deck of a Messagerie steamer bound for the Far East, their way and work clearly appointed under sufficiently liberal conditions. Chardo's first real picture had been snapped up by the Dresden Gallery—one of the incredible events which occasionally confounds the prudent, and prevents them from becoming altogether too bumptious.

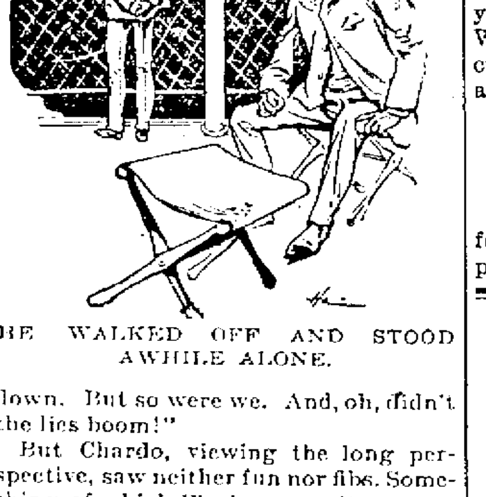
It was dark and quiet. Florio opened his heart, and made clean confession. When he had finished, Chardo was silent.

"I thought it might amuse you. Somehow it doesn't sound very funny. One's jokes so often fall upon the buttered side."

He was right. It did not sound funny. Still Chardo did not speak.

At length Florio said, with curious shyness:

"I hope you don't mind too much, Chardo. Of course it was awfully low



HE WALKED OFF AND STOOD AWHILE ALONE.

down. But so were we. And, oh, didn't the lies boom!"

But Chardo, viewing the long perspective, saw neither fun nor fibs. Something of which Florio was quite unconscious streamed warm and radiant upon the vista and revealed nothing petty or base.

The painter reached over and wrung his friend's hand abruptly, got up, walked off and stood awhile alone, returned still unrhetorical until finally he muttered, much moved:

"It must have been a terribly hard pull—and I—a thankless lump!"

"Stuff!"

"But of couse it's like you, Dumpling."

"Ug-gl-loo! Kerchunk! Got another cigarette, little one?"

The two young men stood silent; vastly content with their lot and each other, and listened to the throb of the ship bearing them onward toward their brave hopes.

At length Florio, half laughing, yet not quite at ease, remarked:

"Your Highness need not henceforth be anxious about me. It's not a chronic complaint, you understand. I really don't think the disease has struck in deep. Apparently it has not yet seized my vitals. It was only an acute attack of—"

"Of the literary quality," suggested Chardo, cheerfully.

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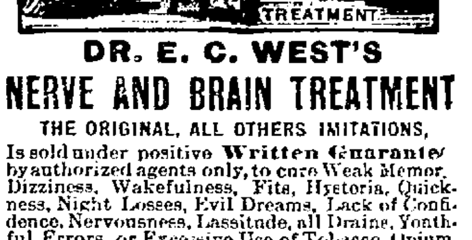

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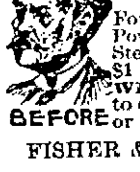

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SHOE SALES

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Second Sale Bill Filed in Probate Court—Two New Suits for Money—Wesley Lunacy Affidavit Withdrawn—Other Court House News.

The sale bill of W. B. Grice, assignee of Padan Bros., has been filed in probate court. It comprises about forty pages of type-written matter and accounts for every pair of shoes sold by the assignee. The total sales amount to $35,175.38. Of this amount, $32,226.12 represents cash sales, leaving an outstanding indebtedness of $2,949 26.

This does not represent the total sales made by the assignee, however. This is the second sale bill to be filed, and there are two or three more coming, covering special sales of leather, etc. under orders from the court. Considering the condition of the times the last sale bill filed shows the assignee to have realized exceedingly well on his sales. Assets of the company hold out well. There is still a vast amount of business connected with the defunct firm to be settled up yet, and Assignee Grice will not have finished his work for several months.

OTHER MATTERS IN PROBATE.

A transcript from 'Squire Lockhart's court has been filed, recognizing Chas. N. Odle to probate court in the sum of $100 for an assault committed on one Lulu Odle about November 14th.

The minister's license of Thos. Salter has been filed.

The affiavit of lunacy filed by Wm. Wesley against his wife has been withdrawn. She seems to have come to her reason again, and it is to be hoped there will be no further trouble.

NEW SUITS.

John S. Dodge, attorney for Peter Brushart, files suit against A. W. Thomson, the lumber man, for the collection of a disputed lumber bill amounting to $175.39.

The Home Mutual Building and Loan company vs John M. Coleman, Lizzie Coleman and J. J. Brushart is a suit for foreclosure of mortgage.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John C. Bruce, 28, and Mollie Miler, 22, Portsmouth.

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John Dear, 28, Otway, and Emma Louella Ousler, 22, Otway.

WOMEN'S INDUSTRIAL EDITION.

Notice to the Ladies and Others Who Are Assisting in Its Publication.

The business manager of the Woman's Industrial Edition of the L. A. Y. M. C. A. requests that all merchants and others, who so kindly contributed in advertisements, thereby insuring the success of the paper, will have their copies of the same ready by Jan. 6th, when they will be called for.

MISS MARGARET LLOYD.

The editors of the Woman's Edition request all contributors to send their articles to the department editors by the close of the first week in January. They are:

Philanthropic—Mrs. P. J. Kline.
Art—Miss Margaret Peebles.
Days of Yore—Miss Anna Rose and Mrs. H. Hall.
Floriculture—Mrs. O. C. McCall.
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MRS. F. E. DUDUIT,
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FAILED TO SCORE

Lucasville vs. Polo Football Game at Lucasville Ends in a Draw.

The football game on New Year's day—Lucasville vs. Polos, of Portsmouth,—ended in a draw. The Polos were stronger than when they played the Lucasville eleven Christmas day, and went into the game determined to win. The best they could do was to keep the Lucasville boys from scoring. Twenty-five and twenty minute halves were played. The Polos had the ball within a few yards of the goal several times, but were pushed back. Both teams did excellent work. The game ended in a score of nothing to nothing. Another game will be arranged for later on.

New Year's Services.

The pulpit at Sixth Street church will be occupied morning and evening by Rev. W. F. Filler, who will deliver a special sermon at night on "What is it to be a Man of God?" In the afternoon, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., Rev. Thos. S. Robjent will address a men's meeting (for men only) on "The Social Evil." Youths under fifteen will not be admitted to this afternoon conference. All the services will be at the Kendall building.

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PERSONAL.

Capt. A. B. Cole has been much worse for several days past.

Mrs. Nat Johnson went to Greenup today to visit friends and relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Bing have returned from a week's visit with Cincinnati friends.

Mr. A. A. Fuller, of the furniture firm of Fuller Bros., is in Columbus today on business.

Miss Cherry Pounder, of Chillicothe, is the guest of Miss Emma Wilhelm, of East Eight street.

Miss Mary Sargent has returned to Urbana, after a visit with her parents on Eleventh street.

Miss Rosa Klink, of Cincinnati, is visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Schmidt and Mrs. John Moeller.

Mrs. H. E. Greene and daughter, Miss Adah, of Cincinnati, and daughter, Miss Louise, of Gallipolis, are here for a few days' visit with Mrs. John E. Jones, of Court street.

Mr. Giles Dickson, of Martinsville, Ind., is in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Murphy and Miss Julia Murphy, Mr. Dickson is a cadet at Wooster, Mass. Accompanied by his sister Miss Mary Dickson and Miss Meldon Smith, who have been the guests of Miss Murphy for several weeks, he will leave for the East Monday.

OBITUARY.

DEEMER.

Little Lloyd Deemer, the three-year-old son of J. Deemer, who resides near Harrisonville, died yesterday of membraneous croup. The funeral took place today.

Ladies' Musicale.

The annual business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held at All Saints chapel Monday afternoon, January 4th, at 1:30 o'clock, standard time. Let every active member be present, if possible, and be prompt. Those who cannot be present will please send their proxies.

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Men's Canton Flannel Drawers, ribbed ankle, worth 50c, for 25c.

Men's Jersey Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality for 25c.

Men's White Merino Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality for 29c.

Men's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, 50c quality for 29c.

Men's Grey Shirts and Drawers, 40c quality for 25c.

Men's Black Sweaters, 50c quality for 25c.

Men's Jersey Ribbed Cotton Sweaters, 50c quality for 20c.

Men's Flannelette Shirts, 50c quality for 25c.

In addition to the above special lots we have reduced the price on all heavy winter Underwear of our regular stock.

Special in Umbrellas.

We offer a lot of our regular $1.25 and $1.39 Umbrellas, all fancy handles and twilled gloria silk, to close at 98c.

G. W. ANDERSON & SONS,

DAYLIGHT STORE, DAMARIN BLOCK.

Corner Court and Second.

We Wish You A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR.

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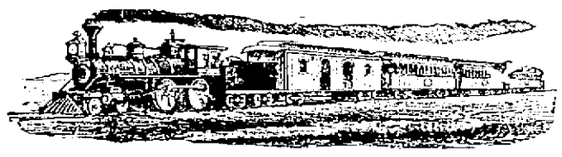

It goes to Increase Business, Wealth and Happiness. Change here from Low to Lower Prices. Here is where the Parisian undersells the Parisian. Stock must be reduced. You can buy a Cape or Jacket almost for what your old one would bring at a second hand store. We can suit you. Whether you are indifferent to expense or must count your money carefully, start the new year right by selling your money where you get the most for it.

Money Moves the World!

Low prices must move our stock of Winter Wraps. Will you come and help us move? Here are a few prices that will bring you if you have money-saving at heart.

Brown Boucle Cloth Jacket, fancy silk lined, only 3 of them left, sizes 32, 34 and 36, sold for $12.50, cut price $5.50.

3 Boucle Cloth Capes in black, silk lined, trimmed with Thibet Fur around collar and front, this will clear this lot, worth $10.00, reduced to $5 50.

5 Empire Boucle Cloth Reefers, 1 size 6, 2 sizes 8, 1 size 10, 1 size 12, the latest style Wraps for Misses and Children, reduced from $7.50 to $3.75.

PARISIAN CLOAK & NOVELTY CO.

75 WEST SECOND STREET.

New stock of Jewelry, Watches and Clocks, Silver Novelties, at low prices. You can make fine Holiday presents for little money. 10 per cent. discount on all sales. We have a fine stock of Stick Pins, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Shirt Studs, Watch Chains, Charms, Lockets, Toilet Sets, Com'b, Coat Hangers, Key Rings, Hat Marks, Glove Hooks, Match Safes, Opera Glasses, Diamond and Opal Rings, Pendants, Baby Pins and Rings, Bracelets all the latest, Picture Frames, Spectacles and Cases, Umbrellas and Canes, Souvenir Spoons, Gold Pens and Tooth Picks, Fountain Pens, Tea Sets, Porcelain Clocks, etc., etc.

Come and see our stock, you will be pleased with our prices.

Ed. Lee Feyler,

81 W. Second St.

Wright's Celery Tea cures constipation, sick headaches. 25c at druggists

Special Sale

We have finished taking our annual inventory and have determined to sell all winter goods and broken lots at once. To do this we are willing to sacrifice our profits and on Tuesday, January 5th, inaugurate this special sale. We have also bought a big lot of "floor goods" from Drew, Selby & Co., which we are receiving now and will be opened and placed on sale next Tuesday at eye opener prices.

ANDERSON BROTHERS,

603 CHILLICOTHE STREET.

MONUMENTS CHEAP.

To save cost of shipping, as we will leave Portsmouth, we will sell you any piece of work in stock at actual cost. Work sold now can be put up at any time the purchaser may elect.

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